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The Zeolite Used As Adsorbents for the Treatment of Industrial Waste Water Made From Solid Residue

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Abstract:

Zeolite synthesized from fly ash are crystalline micro porous alumino-silicates solids containing cavities and channels of a molecular size. By introducing extra framework species into these alumino-silicates matrix depending on the type of species introduced, the physicochemical properties and the reactivity of the resulting material can vary drastically. The extra-framework species of fly ash aluminosilicates were modified by ion exchange treatments to prepare materials in which transition metal species are well-dispersed, well-mixed and highly accessible to reactants. The adsorption behavior of the zeolite materials synthesized from coal fly ash for waste water treatment. The zeolites used were zeolite HY and zeolite HZSM-5. Waste water samples were collected, from the bore wells of sugar factory affected areas of Nanded District and effluent waste water along the sugar industry effluent stream. Then water samples were treated with zeolite material by conventional ion exchange method and again analyzed for the comparison. In order to achieve the greatest efficiency of the process and to optimize the degree of removal during the application of the sorbent material for effluent treatment, the effect of type of adsorbent, the effects on adsorption of the solid to liquid ratio during the ion exchange, and effect of contact time were tested. Water samples were collected before and after treatment were analyzed for the various parameters like pH, EC, COD, TDS, hardness etc.

Keywords: Zeolite, Adsorbent, Water treatment, pH, EC, COD, TDS, hardness etc.

Introduction:

Today most of the countries are facing drinking water problems and conditions are very severe especially in developing countries like India, and 70% to 80% of the diseases are due to bacterial contamination of drinking water. India, as one of the major sugar producers of the world, is subjected to a large volume of sugar industrial wastes as well. Biogases, press mud, molasses and distillery water are some of the major objectionable wastes generated from the sugar industry and there have been extensive studies by several workers on remediation thereof¹. Disposal of Industrial waste water on land or in natural streams and lakes causes physical, chemical and biological hazards. This ultimately creates health problems. The use of such polluted water for irrigation and drinking for longer time effects human bodies tend to bioaccumulation, which may result in damaged or reduced mental and central nervous function, and permanent damage to blood composition, lungs, kidneys and liver. Coagulation-flocculation and chemical precipitation are perhaps the most widely used²⁻⁴, however they both have the drawbacks of difficult sludge disposal and more importantly the diminished effectiveness when treating water with

low heavy metal levels⁵. Membrane filtration and reverse osmosis were also reported. Other methods such as electro dialysis, membrane electrolysis and electrochemical precipitation have also been investigated however their applications have been limited due to the high energy consumption⁶⁻⁷. On the other hand, as a cost effective method ion exchange process normally involve low-cost materials and convenient operations, and they have been proved to be very effective for removing contaminants from water and increase the water quality⁸⁻¹⁰. Natural zeolites as well as synthesized zeolites were used in a wide range of environmental applications^{11,12}, including water purification, with the emphasis on the ammonia and heavy metal removal, removal of radioactive Cs and Sr from low-level waste streams of nuclear installations, and recently also for the removal of organic pollutants¹³⁻¹⁵, like hydro chlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) and petroleum products from water. They can be used as barriers to contaminant migration or as binders in waste solidification systems¹⁶. The use of fly ash prepared zeolite materials for the environmental protection is stimulated by good physico-chemical properties, e.g. selective sorption, by non-toxic nature, availability and low cost¹⁷.

Experimental:**Waste water treatment using HY and HZSM-5 zeolites:**

Treatment of waste water by using the Batch ion exchange method with synthesized zeolites HY (Si/Al = 5.1) and HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 33) is used in this section^{33,34}. In order to achieve the greatest efficiency of the process and to optimize the degree of removal of contamination during the application of the sorbent material for waste water treatment, The samples of sugar industry waste water, polluted Pandu lake water near to by NDSF and four side bore well water of different locations along the effluent stream of NDSF of the Bodhan town were collected. Water samples were collected from these areas and were analyzed for the various parameters like pH, EC, COD, TDS, hardness and bacterial count. Then water samples were treated with zeolite material by conventional ion exchange method and again analyzed for the comparison. pH of each sample was determined by using ELICO LI 612-pH Analyzer while electric conductivity was measured by using water quality checker model ELICO CM 183 EC –TDS Analyzer. All the reagents used in this investigation were of analytical grade. Laboratory incubator/incubation chamber was used for maintaining different incubation temperature. Double distilled water was used for reagent preparation and dilution etc.

Effect of type of zeolite adsorbate during the ion exchange:

In the first set of adsorption tests, different types of zeolite adsorbate such as HY (Si/Al=5.1) and HZSM-5 (Si/Al=33) synthesized from fly ash were used to test the degree of removal of contamination. A fixed amount of solid to liquid ratio of adsorbent and simulated effluent were used to determine the type of zeolite required for optimum removal of metals from the solution. To the 100 ml of contaminated water (5 g/100 mL) amount of zeolite HY or HZSM-5 were added and kept for the reflex at the temperature 60 °C with continuous magnetic stirring for 6 hrs. After the reflex the sample was cooled down to the room temperature and filtered before investigation of the various parameters.

The effects on adsorption of the solid to liquid ratio during the ion exchange

In the second set of adsorption tests, different solid to liquid ratio (1, 2, 3 and 5 g/100 mL) of adsorbent (zeolite HY or zeolite HZSM-5) and simulated waste water were tested to determine the mass of zeolite required for optimum removal of metals from the solution. Same ion exchange technique was adopted to treat contaminated water sample before investigation.

Results and Discussions:

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Water purifications are based on the unique cation-exchange behavior of zeolites through which dissolved cations are removed from water by exchanging with cations on a zeolites exchange sites. Zeolites with high exchange capacities (high charge densities) can easily strip the hydration shell of a water-cation complex. Inside the zeolite pore apertures water molecules and charge balancing mono- and divalent cations, such as Na^+ , Ca^{++} and Mg^{++} can be found. The negative charge of the framework, caused by the replacement of Si^{4+} with Al^{3+} , is compensated by these small cations. Larger cations are partially or completely excluded by the zeolite pore size, whereas smaller species can be exchanged or sorbed. The ready exchangeability, and relatively innocuous nature of the charge-balancing cations, renders them particularly suitable for the removal of undesirable species (particularly metal ions) from wastewaters. An equally important parameter of zeolites is the Si/Al ratio. It is responsible for their thermal and hydrothermal stability, as well as their acidity and relative hydrophobicity. For fly ash prepared zeolites such as those under discussion in the current research applications, it was found that the total exchange capacity may depend on the experimental conditions.

Effect of type of zeolite adsorbate:

Zeolite adsorbate such as HY and HZSM-5 synthesized from fly ash were used in quality improvement of waste water. The results of pre and post contaminated water treatment process were tabulated in Table 3.1 and 3.2. From the tabulated observations the sugar industrial waste water was found to be strongly acidic with elevated levels of toxic metals. The pH values of the NDSF effluent sample is 3.74 and was very low when compare to the permissible limits of pH for potable and Irrigation. The parameters such as Calcium and Magnesium ions in the waste water are found to be dense in manner which is the reason for hardness and which also affects the pH value of the waste water. After treatment Mg^{2+} or Ca^{2+} amounts in borewell water and industrial waste water may considerably reduce. Hardness of waste water (effluent) bore well and Pandu lake water samples in range of 2432, 448, 424, 756, 368 mg L^{-1} the samples showed greater hardness values as compared to recommended value 250 mg L^{-1} . After treatment with HY zeolite the samples were reanalyzed, and it is observed that the values of hardness decrease to the permissible limit. The variations in EC reduces from 13050 to 6027 $\mu\text{m cm}^{-1}$. The same trend is observed with HZSM-5 treatment also. The variation of the parameters such as Turbidity, EC, TDS, BOD, and COD, after the treatment with HY and HZSM-5 were shown in the Figure 3.1 The pH values of Bore wells and Pandu Lake water ranging between 5.28 to 7.02

and was within the permissible limits. But the electrical conductivity (EC) values of Pandu Lake water, Sugar Industry waste water (effluent) and Bore wells water along the effluent stream are high ranging between 1656-13050 $\mu\text{m cm}^{-1}$ Use of such

water for agricultural fields creates lot of problems. After treatment with HY and HZSM-5 zeolite adsorbents the abrupt variation in EC and other parameter values were examined.

Table 3.1 : Comparative analysis of different waste water parameters before and after treatment with HY zeolite

Parameters	Quality of NDSF effluent and water samples collected at different locations besides the NDSF						Treatment of HY Zeolite enhance the quality of effluent and water samples collected at different locations besides the NDSF					
	Location						Location					
	Waste water of NDSF	B.W. Water Beside NDSF (North)	B.W. Water Beside NDSF (South)	B.W. Water Beside NDSF (West)	B.W. Water Beside NDSF (East)	Pandu Lake Water	Waste water (Effluents) of NDSF	B.W. Water Beside NDSF (North)	B.W. Water Beside NDSF (South)	B.W. Water Beside NDSF (West)	B.W. Water Beside NDSF (East)	Pandu Lake Water
pH	3.74	6.84	6.94	7.02	6.98	5.28	5.54	7.12	7.22	7.28	7.42	6.12
Turbidity	1750	14	15	17	23	454	405	8	10	8	13	156
EC mcm^{-1}	13050	2228	1979	4256	1656	3800	6027	1245	1026	1236	956	1126
TDS mgL^{-1}	7830	1225	1088	2553	994	2280	3616	747	616	742	574	675
BOD mgL^{-1}	19633	5	12	6	12	9860	6456	2	5	2	3	2754
COD mgL^{-1}	38453	46	79	62	108	12700	10425	32	34	42	42	3647
CO_3 (Ca CO_3) mgL^{-1}	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
HCO_3 (Ca CO_3) mgL^{-1}	Nil	420	368	676	328	124	Nil	280	272	304	192	276
TH (Ca CO_3) mgL^{-1}	2432	448	424	756	368	933	746	252	240	280	204	288
Ca (Ca CO_3) mgL^{-1}	714	152	120	396	64	360	412	76	68	40	48	60
Magnesium mgL^{-1}	412	68	70	86	72	137	80	42	40	58	36	54
Chloride mgL^{-1}	1840	184	144	568	204	340	684	68	52	60	50	68
Sulphates mgL^{-1}	344	68	52	124	40	86	142	32	28	26	24	38
Nitrate mgL^{-1}	80	45.0	19.2	85.00	28.8	20.80	45	15.0	13.00	14.00	12.6	12.5
Iron mgL^{-1}	15	1.2	0.92	3.2	2.6	5.30	4.6	0.32	0.54	0.56	0.52	1.53

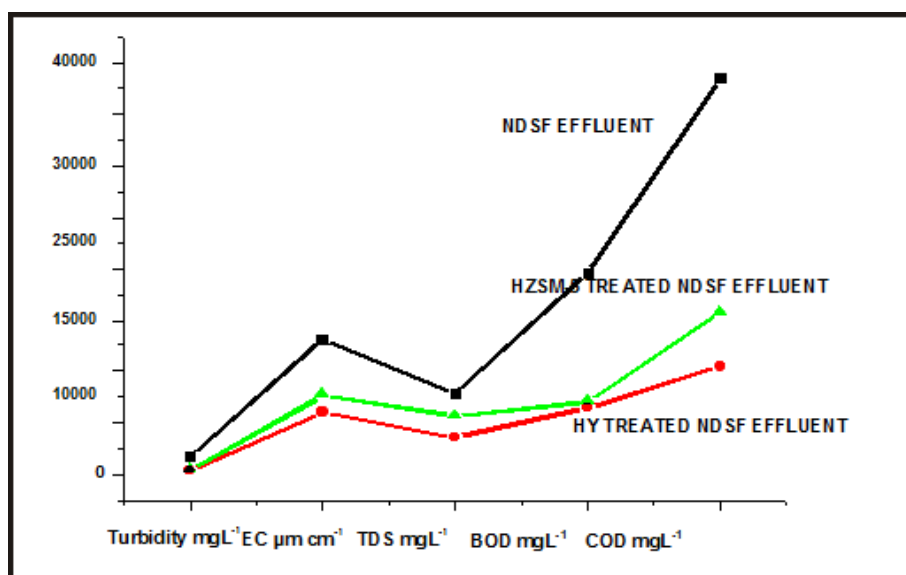


Figure 3.1 : Variation of the parameters such as Turbidity, EC, TDS, BOD, and COD, of Effluent samples of the NDSF with HY and HZSM-5 Zeolite adsorbent treatment.

HY zeolite used for ion exchange in this work shown good results when compare to the HZSM-5. This may be due to the high adsorptive Kapure G. P.

behavior of the HY zeolite over HZSM-5 which basically depends on the surface area of the zeolite. These results are promising for the use of fly

ash prepared HY zeolite over commercially available synthetic zeolites to treat contaminated ground water and industrial waste effluents, since these materials possess the high capacity for cation exchange, anion sorption and acid hydrolysis of organic contaminants. The higher aluminum content of HY, higher kinetics of ion exchange were important factor governing the improved performance of this zeolite relative to the HZSM-5 zeolite with higher Si/Al ratio.

The effects on adsorption of the solid to liquid ratio:

Different solid to liquid ratio (1, 2, 3 and 5 g/100 mL) of adsorbent (zeolite HY or HZSM-5) and simulated waste water were tested to determine the mass of zeolite required for optimum removal of contamination from the waste

water sample. Same ion exchange technique was adopted to treat contaminated water sample before investigation of the various parameters. From the observations the pH value of waste collected from sugar industry was found to be more acidic (i.e. pH = 3.00) and was very low when compare to the permissible limits of pH for Irrigation, after treatment even with 1 g / 100 mL of zeolite adsorbent the pH enhanced to 5.55 in case of HY zeolite adsorbent and 4.5 in case of HZSM-5 zeolite adsorbent but as the amount of zeolite adsorbate in exchange solution increases the pH value enhanced to 6.88 in case of HY with 5 g / 100 mL and in case of HZSM-5 with 5 g / 100 mL it will be 6.02 which is with in the permissible limits. The same trend is shown in the other parameters also.

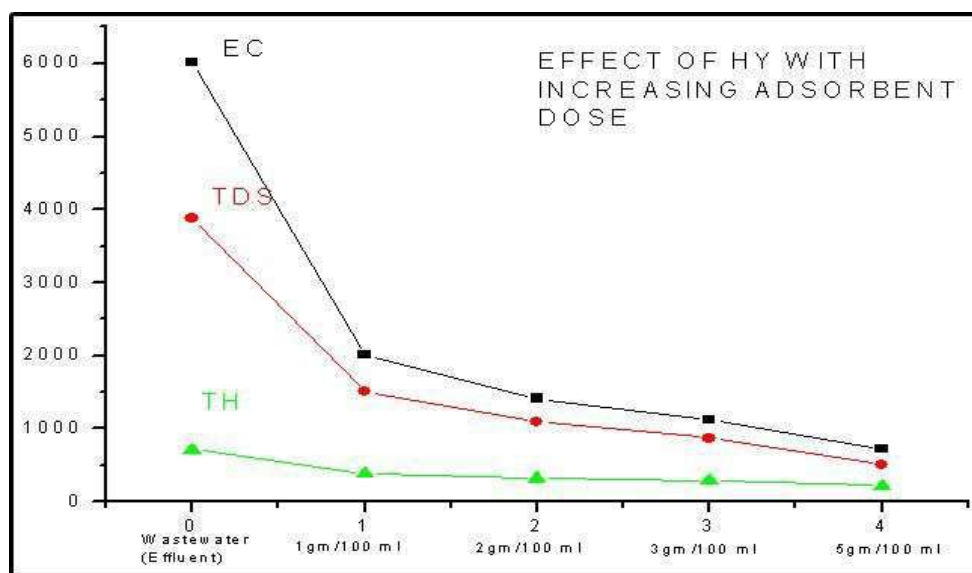


Figure 3.2: The variation of the parameters such as magnesium and sulphates before and after treatment with zeolite HY zeolite adsorbent.

The exchange in quality improvement of waste water. The pH value of NDSF effluent As the adsorbent dose in exchange solution increases the EC will be reduced from 6017 to 722 $\mu\text{m cm}^{-1}$ in case of HY and 6017 to 754 $\mu\text{m cm}^{-1}$ in case of HZSM-5, TDS will be reduced from 3887 to 511 mgL^{-1} for HY treatment and 3887 to 517 mgL^{-1} in case of HZSM-5 treatment, TH will be reduced from 716 to 223 mgL^{-1} with the HY and 716 to 246 mgL^{-1} with the HZSM-5 treatment. As the adsorbent dose increases in exchange solution tremendous decrease in the hazardous metals such as Arsenic, Lead, and Cadmium was examined. From the observations a dosage of 2g/100 mL of adsorbate will enhance water quality to 90-95%. As the dosage of adsorbate in exchange solution increases water quality enhances to above 95-99%. A dosage of 5g/100 mL has given maximum enhancement. At 5g/100 mL all the parameters reached to the permissible limits of the water quality.

Conclusion :

Effect on the adsorptive behavior of
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modified zeolites prepared from coal fly ash in treatment of effluent water is studied. Treatment of sugar industrial waste water by using the ion exchange method with fly ash synthesized zeolite HY (Si/Al =5.1) and zeolite HZSM-5 (Si/Al = 33) was performed. In order to achieve the greatest efficiency of the process and to optimize the degree of removal of contamination during the application of the sorbent material for waste water treatment, Effect of type of zeolite adsorbate, the effects of adsorption of the solid to liquid ratio, and effect Contact time were investigated. From the observations the sugar industrial waste water was found to be strongly acidic with elevated levels of toxic metals. The pH value of the NDSF effluent sample is 3.74 and was very low when compare to the permissible limits of pH for potable and Irrigation. The pH value of NDSF effluent samples was enhanced to 4.34 when treated the waste water with HZSM-5 zeolite adsorbent and 5.54 when treated with HY zeolite adsorbent, these values were very close to the permissible limits and the

water can be used for irrigation purpose. After treatment with HY zeolite the samples were reanalyzed, and it is observed that the values of hardness decrease to the permissible limit. The variations in EC reduces from 13050 to 6027 $\mu\text{m cm}^{-1}$, TDS varies from 7830 to 3616 mgL^{-1} after treatment with HY zeolite adsorbent.

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Sowing Seeds of Change: Teachers as Stewards of Environmental pollution

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Abstract

To understand the environment, we must recognize the complex interactions and strive to maintain a balance that ensures the well-being of both living organisms and the natural systems on which they depend. Pollution remains a critical global challenge for humanity, impacting ecosystems, human health and the overall well-being of the planet. With the intensification of industrialization and urbanization, environmental pollution has become a major challenge for both developed and developing countries. The negative impacts on human health, ecosystems and climate require urgent and innovative approaches to address this pressing problem.

In recent years, various innovative practices have emerged to combat this pollution, with a focus on understanding the causes, assessing the impacts and implementing effective remedial measures. Preserving and protecting the environment is critical to the long-term sustainability of life on our planet. This paper highlights the causes and effects and addresses the strategies used in environmental pollution management and teachers' role in addressing pollution.

Key words: Pollution, Environmental Pollution, Prevention and Control, Teachers' Role

Introduction:

The environment refers to the sum total of all living and non-living things that surround an organism, population, or community. It encompasses both natural and human-made elements and their interactions.

Human Environment:

This involves the aspects of the environment that are influenced or created by human activities. It includes buildings, cities, infrastructure, industries, agriculture, and the impact of human behavior on natural systems. The environment provides resources essential for life and supports the ecological balance necessary for the sustainability of life on Earth. It plays a critical role in providing clean air, water, food, habitats for various species, and the regulation of climate and natural processes.

Environmental Pollution:

The environment is made up of various components that work together and rely on each other, creating complex ecosystems and interconnected cycles. Unfortunately, human activities can greatly affect these ecosystems, causing environmental problems like pollution, deforestation, habitat destruction, climate change, and loss of biodiversity. Environmental pollution is centered on the introduction of harmful substances or contaminants into the natural environment, which disrupts and alters things in a negative way for the ecosystem, living organisms, and the overall balance of the environment. Pollution occurs due to a variety

of human activities and natural processes, resulting in the release of pollutants into different parts of the environment.

- ♦ **Air Pollution:** When vehicles, industries, and other sources release harmful pollutants into the air, it can cause respiratory problems, contribute to climate change, and harm ecosystems.
- ♦ **Water Pollution:** The contamination of water bodies due to industrial waste, agricultural runoff, and improper waste disposal can have a negative impact on aquatic life, disrupt ecosystems, and pose health risks through contaminated drinking water sources.
- ♦ **Soil Pollution:** Improper disposal of industrial waste, pesticides, and untreated sewage can contaminate soil, reducing its fertility, affecting agricultural productivity, and posing health risks through the contamination of the food chain.
- ♦ **Noise Pollution:** Excessive noise from urbanization, industrial activities, traffic, and construction can disrupt ecosystems; alter wildlife behavior, and cause stress and health issues in humans.
- ♦ **Light Pollution:** The widespread use of artificial light disrupts natural light-dark cycles, affecting wildlife behavior, ecological processes, and human health by disturbing sleep patterns and circadian rhythms.
- ♦ **Thermal Pollution:** The discharge of heated water from industrial processes or power plants

can increase water temperatures, impacting aquatic life and altering ecosystems.

Causes of Environmental Pollution:

Environmental pollution arises from various human activities and natural processes. Some primary causes of environmental pollution include:

- **Industrial Activities:** Industries release pollutants such as gases, particles and chemicals into the air, water and soil. Emissions from factories, manufacturing processes, mining, and power plants contribute significantly to environmental pollution.
- **Transportation:** Vehicles that burn fossil fuels release pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons into the atmosphere. Road, air and marine transportation contribute to air pollution.
- **Agricultural Practices:** The use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides pollutes soil and water bodies. Livestock farming can lead to water and air pollution due to animal waste.
- **Waste Disposal:** Improper disposal of solid waste, including plastics, electronic waste, and hazardous materials, can contaminate soil and water sources. Poor management of waste water and landfills contributes to water and soil pollution.
- **Deforestation:** Clearing forests for agriculture, urbanization, or industrial purposes reduces the Earth's ability to absorb pollutants, disrupts ecosystems, and leads to soil erosion and habitat destruction.
- **Mining Activities:** Extraction minerals and resources involve processes that release pollutants into the air, water, and soil. Mining can lead to water contamination, habitat destruction and soil degradation.
- **Construction and Urbanization:** Urban development leads to habitat loss, soil sealing, and increased emissions from construction activities, contributing to air and water pollution.
- **Natural Causes:** Human activities contribute significantly. Natural events such as volcanic eruptions, forest fires, and dust storms can release pollutants into the environment.
- **Excessive-consumption and Disposal of Resources:** Excessive use of resources, disposable products and generation of non-biodegradable waste contribute to environmental pollution.
- **Climate Change:** Environmental pollution is interconnected with climate change. Greenhouse gas emissions contribute to global warming, altering ecosystems and weather patterns, affecting air quality and increasing health risks.

Consequences of Air Pollution:

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Environmental pollution has numerous far-reaching consequences that affect ecosystems, human health, and the overall well-being of the planet. Some of the significant consequences include:

- **Health Impacts:** Pollution contributes to various health problems in humans, including respiratory diseases (such as asthma and lung cancer), cardiovascular issues, skin diseases, neurological disorders, and other illnesses due to exposure to toxic chemicals and pollutants.
- **Biodiversity Loss:** Pollution disrupts ecosystems and habitats, leading to a decline in biodiversity. It can result in the loss of plant and animal species, affecting food chains, ecological balance, and the overall health of ecosystems.
- **Water Contamination:** Pollutants in water bodies affect aquatic life and can render water unfit for drinking, agriculture, and other essential purposes. Water pollution contributes to the decline of fish populations, harmful algal blooms, and disruption of marine ecosystems.
- **Air Quality Degradation:** Air pollution can lead to smog formation, reduced visibility, and poor air quality. Long-term exposure to air pollutants can cause respiratory problems, cardiovascular diseases, and exacerbate existing health conditions.
- **Soil Degradation:** Soil pollution impacts agricultural productivity, reduces soil fertility, and affects plant growth. Contaminants in the soil can enter the food chain, posing risks to human health.
- **Climate Change:** Some pollutants, such as greenhouse gases (e.g., carbon dioxide, methane), contribute to climate change by trapping heat in the atmosphere, leading to global warming, altered weather patterns, rising sea levels, and extreme weather events.
- **Economic Impact:** Environmental pollution imposes significant economic burdens due to healthcare costs for treating pollution-related illnesses, loss of productivity, damage to ecosystems, and costs associated with environmental remediation and clean-up efforts.
- **Loss of Natural Resources:** Pollution affects the quality and availability of natural resources such as clean water, fertile soil, and clean air. Depletion and contamination of these resources reduce their availability for future generations.
- **Ecosystem Disruption:** Pollution disrupts ecological processes and interactions within ecosystems, leading to imbalances, species extinctions, and reduced resilience to environmental changes.

Strategies in Addressing Environmental Pollution: Addressing Environmental Pollution requires a multifaceted approach involving various strategies and concerted efforts from governments,

industries, communities, and individuals. Here are some key strategies:

- **Regulations and Policies:** Implement and enforce stringent environmental regulations and standards aimed at reducing emissions, controlling waste disposal, and promoting sustainable practices across industries.
- **Transition to Clean Energy:** Invest in renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, hydroelectric, and geothermal power to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and decrease air pollution from energy production.
- **Pollution Control Technologies:** Develop and adopt advanced technologies for pollution control, including air and water purification systems, waste treatment, and emission-reducing technologies in industries.
- **Waste Management:** Implement effective waste management practices such as recycling, composting, and proper disposal of hazardous waste to minimize pollution of landfills, water bodies, and soil.
- **Sustainable Agriculture:** Promote organic farming practices, reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and encourage agro-ecological approaches to minimize soil and water pollution from agricultural activities.
- **Conservation and Preservation:** Protect and restore natural habitats, promote reforestation, and conserve biodiversity to maintain ecological balance and mitigate environmental degradation.
- **Education and Awareness:** Raise public awareness about environmental issues through education, campaigns, and community programs to foster responsible environmental behavior and encourage sustainable practices.
- **International Cooperation:** Collaborate at the global level to address transboundary pollution issues, share best practices, and commit to international agreements and protocols aimed at reducing pollution.
- **Green Transportation:** Promote public transportation, electric vehicles, biking, and walking to reduce emissions from transportation and alleviate air pollution.
- **Corporate Responsibility:** Encourage industries to adopt sustainable practices, reduce emissions, minimize waste generation, and invest in eco-friendly technologies.
- **Individual Actions:** Encourage individuals to adopt eco-friendly habits such as reducing energy consumption, conserving water, recycling, and supporting environmentally conscious products and businesses.

Combining these strategies and fostering collaboration among stakeholders at local, national, and global levels is crucial for effectively addressing

environmental pollution and creating a more sustainable future for the planet.

Role of Teachers and Teachers Educators:

Teachers and teacher educators play pivotal roles in addressing environmental pollution by imparting knowledge, shaping attitudes, and inspiring action among students and future educators. Here's how they can contribute:

1. **Education and Awareness:** Teachers can incorporate environmental education into their curriculum, covering topics on pollution, its causes, effects, and solutions. They can use engaging methods like discussions, case studies, and practical activities to raise awareness among students.
2. **Promoting Sustainable Practices:** Teachers can model and encourage eco-friendly practices within the classroom and school, such as reducing waste, recycling, conserving resources, and minimizing energy consumption.
3. **Instilling Environmental Values:** Teachers can instill values of environmental stewardship, responsibility, and respect for nature, nurturing a sense of care and concern for the environment among students.
4. **Experiential Learning:** Organizing field trips, outdoor activities, and hands-on experiences related to environmental conservation allows students to connect with nature, observe environmental issues firsthand, and understand the importance of protecting the environment.
5. **Integration across Subjects:** Teachers can integrate environmental themes into various subjects, illustrating how pollution affects different disciplines such as science, social studies, language arts, and mathematics, fostering interdisciplinary learning.
6. **Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving:** Teachers can encourage students to critically analyze environmental issues, consider multiple perspectives, and develop problem-solving skills to address pollution challenges.
7. **Collaboration and Advocacy:** Teachers can facilitate student-led initiatives, clubs, or projects focused on environmental conservation, empowering students to become advocates for change within their school and community.
8. **Teacher Education Programs:** Teacher educators can integrate environmental education into teacher training programs, equipping future educators with the knowledge, tools, and strategies to teach about pollution and sustainability effectively.
9. **Professional Development:** Continuous professional development for teachers on environmental issues ensures they stay updated with the latest research, teaching methods, and resources to impart accurate and relevant information to students.

10. Partnerships and Resources: Teachers and teacher educators can collaborate with environmental organizations, experts, and community groups to access resources, workshops, and expertise to enhance environmental education initiatives.

By nurturing a generation of environmentally conscious and informed individuals, teachers and teacher educators contribute significantly to fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and action, ultimately aiding in the collective effort to address and mitigate environmental pollution.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the call to take action against environmental pollution is resounding loudly and clearly. As eco-warriors, our collective strength, determination, and unwavering commitment to our planet drive us onward. Through raising awareness, advocating for change, fostering innovation, taking individual actions, and collaborating, we have the power to bring about transformative change. Each small step, whether it's reducing our personal carbon footprint, practicing responsible consumption, or participating in community clean-up initiatives, contributes to the overall effort in fighting pollution. Let's unite, stand as guardians of our planet, and pave the way towards a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable world.

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"Cultivating Narratives: Unveiling the Symbiosis of Agriculture and Environment in Literary Landscapes"

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Abstract:

In the intricate web of human existence, agriculture and the environment share an interdependent relationship that forms the backbone of our civilization. As we stand at the crossroads of unprecedented global challenges, the nexus between these two vital domains becomes increasingly pivotal. This research article embarks on an exploration of the multifaceted connections, challenges, and opportunities embedded in the symbiosis of agriculture and the environment, seeking to unravel the threads that weave together the past, present, and future of our planet. Agriculture, beyond its role as the primary source of sustenance, is a cultural, economic, and ecological phenomenon that shapes landscapes, societies, and individual livelihoods. The methods and practices employed in cultivation have evolved over centuries, bearing witness to a delicate dance with the natural world. Concurrently, the environment, encompassing the intricate tapestry of ecosystems, climate patterns, and biodiversity, serves as the canvas upon which agriculture unfolds. However, the contemporary discourse surrounding this symbiosis is marked by a pressing need to reconcile the demands of a burgeoning global population with the imperative to safeguard our planet's ecological integrity.

Keywords: agriculture, environment, biodiversity, ecology, symbiosis

Introduction

As we navigate the complexities of the 21st century, issues such as climate change, resource depletion, and the environmental consequences of industrialized agriculture cast a shadow over the sustainability of our practices. This research article aims to dissect the key themes encapsulated within the realms of agriculture and the environment. From the portrayal of these themes in literature to the socio-economic dynamics, ethical considerations, and innovative solutions emerging in the modern age, our inquiry delves into the heart of this intricate relationship. The overarching goal is to contribute not only to scholarly discourse but also to the wider conversation about the role each of us plays in shaping the trajectory of our planet. Through a nuanced examination of the historical context, current challenges, and future possibilities, we endeavor to illuminate the path towards a harmonious coexistence of agriculture and the environment – a path that holds the promise of a sustainable and resilient future for generations to come.

Balancing the needs of agriculture with environmental conservation is a global challenge. Sustainable and responsible agricultural practices are essential for mitigating negative environmental impacts while ensuring food security for a growing global population.

Literature plays a crucial role in raising awareness about agriculture and the environment by:

1. Cultural Reflection: Literature often reflects the values and attitudes of a society towards agriculture and the environment. It provides insights into cultural practices, traditions, and the historical relationship between communities and their natural surroundings.

2. Educational Tool: Literary works can serve as educational tools, offering readers information about agricultural practices, environmental issues, and sustainable solutions. Well-researched and informative literature can contribute to public knowledge and understanding.

3. Human Connection: Through storytelling, literature fosters a human connection to the land and nature. It allows readers to empathize with the experiences of farmers, the challenges they face, and the impact of environmental changes on communities.

4. Environmental Ethics: Literature often explores ethical considerations related to the environment. By presenting moral dilemmas, dilemmas, and consequences of human actions, it encourages readers to contemplate their own role in environmental conservation and sustainable practices.

5. Inspiration for Action: Literary works can inspire individuals to take action in support of

agriculture and the environment. Motivating narratives, characters, or real-life stories can ignite a sense of responsibility and drive readers to make positive changes in their lives and communities.

6. Awareness of Issues: By addressing environmental challenges and agricultural issues in their narratives, writers contribute to public awareness. Literature can shed light on problems such as deforestation, climate change, pollution, and the importance of biodiversity.

7. Critique of Practices: Some literary works offer critical examinations of agricultural and environmental practices. By questioning the status quo, literature can encourage readers to reevaluate existing systems and advocate for sustainable alternatives.

8. Cultural Preservation: Literature plays a role in preserving cultural practices related to agriculture and the environment. Folk tales, myths, and traditional stories often carry ecological wisdom and knowledge passed down through generations.

9. Advocacy for Change: Authors who are passionate about environmental and agricultural issues may use their works as a form of advocacy. They can leverage literature to communicate the urgency of change, influencing public opinion and policy decisions.

10. Imagination and Vision: Literary works often present imaginative visions of harmonious relationships between humans and the environment. By offering alternative narratives and utopian ideals, literature can stimulate creative thinking about sustainable futures.

In essence, literature acts as a powerful tool for shaping perceptions, fostering understanding, and influencing behavior. By bringing attention to the interconnectedness of agriculture and the environment, literature contributes to a broader awareness that is essential for addressing the challenges our planet faces.

In novels and poems, the relationship between agriculture and the environment is often explored through themes of human connection to the land, the impact of industrialization on nature, and the consequences of ecological imbalance. Writers may depict the beauty of rural landscapes, the struggles of farmers, or the environmental repercussions of unsustainable practices, providing insights into the intricate interplay between agriculture and the environment.

In literature, themes related to agriculture are diverse and often symbolize broader aspects of human life and society. Some common themes include:

1. Connection to Nature: Many literary works emphasize the profound connection between individuals or communities and the natural world. Agriculture, as a fundamental interaction with the land, serves as a symbol of this connection,

highlighting the cycles of life and the dependence on the earth.

2. Cycle of Life and Death: Agriculture inherently involves cycles of planting, growth, harvest, and renewal. This cyclical nature often becomes a metaphor for the broader themes of life, death, and rebirth in literature.

3. Hardship and Struggle: Literature often portrays the challenges faced by those engaged in agriculture. Stories may explore the struggles of farmers dealing with unpredictable weather, economic pressures, or societal changes, offering insights into the resilience and fortitude required in rural life.

4. Rural vs. Urban Dynamics: The rural setting of agriculture frequently serves as a backdrop to explore the contrasts between rural and urban lifestyles. This theme can delve into societal values, cultural differences, and the impact of industrialization on traditional ways of life.

5. Ecological Concerns: Modern literature increasingly addresses environmental issues associated with agriculture, such as deforestation, soil degradation, and chemical pollution. These themes highlight the consequences of unsustainable farming practices on the environment.

6. Identity and Heritage: Agriculture often plays a role in shaping cultural identity and heritage. Literature may explore how individuals or communities define themselves through their agricultural practices, preserving traditions and passing down agricultural knowledge through generations.

7. Symbolism of the Harvest: The harvest, representing the culmination of agricultural efforts, is rich in symbolism. It can symbolize abundance, prosperity, or, conversely, scarcity and hardship. Writers use the harvest as a metaphor for the outcomes of human endeavors.

8. Social and Economic Inequality: Agriculture can be a lens through which writers examine social and economic disparities. Literature may explore the impact of land ownership, access to resources, and agricultural policies on the distribution of wealth and power.

9. Technological Advancements: With the advent of modern agriculture technologies, literature reflects on the consequences of innovation. Themes may include the benefits and drawbacks of mechanization, genetic engineering, and other technological advancements in farming.

These themes collectively contribute to a nuanced portrayal of agriculture in literature, offering readers insights into the human experience, societal dynamics, and the intricate relationship between humanity and the environment. Various authors in English literature have explored and contributed to the depiction of agriculture in their works. Some notable examples include:

1. **Thomas Hardy:** Known for his novels set in the rural landscapes of Wessex, Hardy often portrayed the hardships of rural life, including the challenges faced by farmers and the changing agricultural practices.
2. **John Clare:** An English poet, Clare celebrated the natural world in his poetry and often wrote about the daily lives of rural communities, emphasizing the connection between people and the land.
3. **Wendell Berry:** Although an American writer, Berry's works often explore agrarian themes and the importance of sustainable agriculture. His essays, fiction, and poetry advocate for a mindful approach to farming and the environment.
4. **George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans):** In her novel "Adam Bede," Eliot provides a detailed portrayal of rural life, addressing the impact of industrialization on agriculture and the changing socio-economic dynamics in the countryside.

These authors, among others, have contributed to the literary representation of agriculture, offering insights into its cultural, social, and environmental dimensions.

Several Indian writers have made significant contributions to the portrayal of agriculture and the environment in literature. Here are a few notable contributors:

1. **Munshi Premchand:** Often regarded as one of the greatest writers in Hindi literature, Premchand's works, including "Godan" (The Gift of a Cow), delve into the lives of farmers and address socio-economic challenges in rural India. His stories provide a nuanced perspective on the connection between agriculture and societal issues.
2. **Rabindranath Tagore:** The Nobel laureate and poet Rabindranath Tagore celebrated the beauty of nature in his works. His poems and essays reflect a deep appreciation for the environment and its impact on human life. Tagore's exploration of nature is evident in pieces like "Gitanjali."
3. **Kalidasa:** An ancient Indian poet and playwright, Kalidasa is renowned for his work "Shakuntala" and his lyrical descriptions of nature in works like "Meghaduta" (The Cloud Messenger). His verses vividly depict landscapes, seasons, and the interconnectedness of human emotions with the environment.
4. **Arundhati Roy:** Known for her novel "The God of Small Things," Roy explores the socio-economic and environmental changes in Kerala, India. The novel delves into the impact of industrialization on rural communities, including themes related to land use and environmental degradation.
5. **Amitav Ghosh:** In his Ibis Trilogy, starting with "Sea of Poppies," Ghosh intricately weaves together historical events and environmental themes. The novels explore the impact of colonialism, the opium trade, and environmental changes on communities in India and beyond.

6. **Kamala Markandaya:** While primarily known for her novel "Nectar in a Sieve," which addresses the challenges faced by Indian farmers in the context of industrialization, Markandaya's work reflects the intersection of agriculture, environment, and societal changes.

7. **Mahasweta Devi:** An influential Bengali writer, Devi's works, including "The Breast Stories" and "Mother of 1084," often address issues related to tribal communities, land rights, and environmental exploitation. Her writings shed light on the struggles of marginalized communities affected by changes in the environment.

8. **Anita Desai:** In novels like "Clear Light of Day" and "The Village by the Sea," Desai explores the impact of urbanization and industrialization on traditional ways of life. These works touch upon themes related to agriculture, rural landscapes, and the changing environment.

9. **Khushwant Singh:** In "Train to Pakistan," Singh addresses the impact of partition on rural communities, including issues related to agriculture and land use. The novel provides insights into the social and environmental disruptions caused by historical events.

10. **Manohar Malgonkar:** Known for his historical novels set in rural India, Malgonkar's works like "The Princes" and "A Bend in the Ganges" explore themes of land, agriculture, and the changing socio-economic dynamics in the country.

11. **Shashi Tharoor:** Tharoor's novel "Riot: A Love Story" touches upon environmental themes, including deforestation and its impact on local communities. The novel provides a contemporary perspective on the challenges faced by Indian society in the context of environmental changes.

These authors have contributed to Indian English literature by incorporating themes related to agriculture, the environment, and the intricate relationships between humans and their surroundings. Their works provide readers with a nuanced understanding of the challenges and transformations in rural and urban landscapes.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the exploration of agriculture and the environment in literature reveals a rich tapestry of themes, reflections, and insights that transcend the boundaries of fiction and poetry. From the romanticized rural landscapes echoing with the toil of farmers to the critical examinations of environmental challenges woven into the narrative fabric, literature serves as a powerful lens through which we perceive our complex relationship with the natural world.

Authors across cultures and epochs have masterfully portrayed the symbiotic connection between agriculture and the environment, unraveling the threads of human dependence on the land, the cycles of life and death mirrored in the harvest, and the

societal and ethical implications of our interactions with nature. Whether through the pastoral idylls celebrating the simplicity of rural life or the dystopian visions warning of environmental degradation, literature encapsulates the intricate dance between humanity and the ecosystems that sustain it.

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Environmental Issues Addressed In Indian, American and British Literature

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Abstract:

The provided context discusses the emergence of Ecocriticism, a theory that focuses on the relationship between literature and the environment. It highlights how nature is portrayed in English literature, serving as a source of inspiration, beauty, and metaphor. Additionally, it mentions that contemporary literature increasingly addresses environmental concerns, aiming to raise awareness and inspire action for conservation and sustainability. Overall, literature plays a role in shaping our understanding of the natural world and can contribute to fostering environmental consciousness.

In the last few years, Environment has posed a great threat to human society as well as to the earth. The misuse of natural resources has left us at the brink of ditch. The rainforests are cut down, the fossil fuel is decreasing, the cycle of season is at disorder, ecological disaster is frequent now round the globe and our environment is at margin. Under these circumstances, there arose a new theory of reading nature writing during the last decade of the previous century called Ecocriticism. It is a worldwide emergent movement which came into existence as a reaction to man's anthropocentric attitude of dominating nature. The relationship between English literature and the environment is a complex and multifaceted one. In many works of English literature, nature is described as a source of motivation, and beauty. Writers have used various descriptions of landscapes, flora, and fauna to create a sense of place and to evoke emotions in readers. Nature is also used as metaphor or symbol for various themes and ideas, such as the cycle of life, the power of the natural world, or the fragility of human existence.

Keywords: Eco criticism, Environmental, Deforestation, American Literature Indian Literature, British Literature.

Introduction:

There are more and more ecological disasters happening all over the world, and our environment is in bad shape. In response to this, a new way of looking at nature called Ecocriticism has emerged. Ecocriticism is an interdisciplinary field of study that examines the relationship between literature and ecology. It originated from the idea of "literary ecology" proposed by Joseph Meeker in his book "The Comedy of Survival: Studies in Literary Ecology" in 1972. The term "Ecocriticism" was coined by William Rueckert in his essay "Literature and Ecology: An Experiment in Ecocriticism" in 1978. Ecocritics analyse the works of authors, researchers, and poets in the context of environmental issues and nature. While some ecocritics explore potential solutions for addressing contemporary environmental challenges, there is not a unanimous consensus among ecocritics regarding the purpose, methodology, or scope of ecocriticism.

The provided context discusses the close relationship between nature and literature throughout history and across cultures. It mentions that the relationship between the natural and social world is now being analyzed and emphasized in various fields of knowledge and development. The

focus of literary critics is to study how writers have portrayed this relationship in their works. This article highlights how the nature is focused in Indian, American as well as British literature. The paper aims to explore how the portrayal of nature in English literature has shifted from reverence to destruction, reflecting the changing concerns for the environment.

Environment and Environmental Issues in American Literature -

There are various American writers who mentioned relation between nature and literature. They gave space for environment and environmental issues in their literature and spread awareness among the masses about the degradation of nature.

In "Walden" (1854) American writer Henry David Thoreau described the author who lived in a small cabin of woods. Other important American writers who are prominent eco critics are Colleen Bryant, James Kirk, Pouliding, Robert Frost, Joseph Meeker, Walt Whitman, Edgar Allan Poe etc. One of the iconic and historic poem by Robert Frost in which he describes the nature so elegantly and connected that poem with human that is 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening', in this poem the human got mesmerized by the beauty of the Woods.

In 'The Comedy of Survival' Joseph Meekar described a theory that humour, and tragedy are the two parts of natural behaviours in the world that may help us to survive or separate us from other human beings. She explains our negative outlook is connected with mistreatment of environment. This book is helpful for the people who study and care about nature. William Faulkner's work 'The Bear' focuses on ecocritical approach. He focused on nature-human connections. He explained the issues of environment crisis with the root causes of the issues. Walt Whitman's 'Leaves of a Grass', Edgar Allan Poe's 'The Island of Fay', Susan Renimore's 'Rural Hours' are some of the works related with the nature.

Environment and Environmental Issues in British Literature -

Literary figures all over the world have done their best for nature. Some British authors also contributed for the betterment of nature through their literature. The ecological crisis forced British ecological literature to develop rapidly in 20th century. When we talk about the relation between nature and literature, then how can we forget William Wordsworth? He is the one who used nature as theme in his various poems. In his poem 'Daffodils' he explains the ordinary flowers can inspire humans. Daisies can teach people to live in rekindling hope in times of distress. Daffodils can heal the wounds of people's heart. In 'The Westland', T. S. Eliot exposes the squalor, ugliness, and the horror of modern man's life.

In the poem 'Nutting', Wordsworth describes the event where in one of the morning he went out to collect nuts. After collection of nuts, he felt happy and powerful but as soon as he realises that he has caused damage to the trees and to the peaceful atmosphere, his mood changed. He learned a moral lesson from this, and he shared his experience with his sister Dorothy and advised her to handle the woods with the love and care, as there is a living spirit in the woods. The last three lines of the poem expresses it. In the poem 'Leisure' by W. H. Davies, there is a strong emphasis on the importance of nature. The speaker expresses the concern over the lack of time the people have to appreciate and enjoy the natural world. The poem encourages reader to take a moment to pause and appreciate the beauty of nature, as it can bring peace and happiness in our life. Thomas Hardy, Mathew Arnold, John Ruskin are also in the list who raised the concern over destruction of the environment due to development.

Environment and Environmental Issues Addressed In Indian Literature -

Indian writers also showed consciousness towards nature and environment. They described nature very well in their literature. The authors like Rabindranath Tagore, Anita Desai, RK Narayan,

Kamla Markandeya, Arundhati Roy, Kiran Desai, Amitav Ghosh, Ruskin Bond, Bandana Shiva etc., have portrayed nature and nature related elements in their literature. These authors focused on environment in their literature in order to save the environment. Rabindranath Tagore's 'Rakta Karbi' and 'Muktadhar' are the ecocritical writings where he describes how human devastates the nature. Gieve Patel, Indian poet describe the brutal and merciless killings of the trees in his "On Killing A Tree" by personifying the tree.....

It takes much time to kill a tree,

Not a simple job of the knife will do it.....

In the novel "The God of Small Things", Arundhati Roy portrays the nature as a powerful and integral part of the story. She described the vibrant landscape of Kerala. Nature is described with rich description of the flora, fauna, and natural elements. Nature is portrayed as a force that is both nurturing and destructive. It has the power to heal and provide solace but also to bring about tragedy and loss. Through the depiction of nature, Roy highlights the interconnectedness of all living beings and the delicate balance of the natural world.

Raja Rao also describes nature and natural elements in his novels. In his novel "Kanthapura", he depicted South Indian villages, its customs, culture and environment. He explains the relationship between the human and nature through the description of rivers and mountains. "Nectar in a Sieve" is another fine example of the use of nature in literature. In this novel Kamla Markandeya shows the effect of environment on mankind. In "The Inheritance of Loss" Kiran Desai highlights the concern over natural landscape in the Himalayan region. She portrays the impact of deforestation on the ecosystems of the mountains. The destruction of forests disrupts the natural balance as well as affects the livelihoods of locals. The novel also touches the issue of pollution in urban areas. She depicts the challenges faced by the characters living in crowded cities where pollution from industries and vehicles contributes to health problem and deteriorates the quality of life. She raises the awareness about the need for sustainable practices and conservation efforts to protect the natural beauty and resources of the Himalayas.

In "The Hungry Tide" the Amitav Ghosh explains the life of people living in Sundarban and their plight with animals. He projected the environment imbalance. He shows that it appears animal life is more important than human being. The novel also depicts the threat of rising sea level which is posing threat to Sundarban. Deforestation is another issue which is also addressed in this novel. "The Hungry Tide" highlights the urgent need for sustainable practices and conservation efforts to protect the Sundarbans and similar vulnerable ecosystems. Indian English writers very

significantly raised the issues of eco criticism and showed concern over the degradation of environment. They explained the nature in their literature very minutely and raised awareness among the masses.

Conclusion:

The decay of environment is a big threat to the upcoming generation, and we should focus on avoiding this. Various literary figures have discussed nature in their literature and tried their best to spread awareness among the masses. They worked hard to develop a sense of responsibility in the society. They forced the masses to think about environmental preservation. Ecocritics study the literature and analyse its relationship to the environment. Most of the scholars from Indian, British, and American literature has focused on this issue in their literature but by depicting the nature in literature is not going to save the environment. For the preservation of nature and natural elements there is a need of working on the global level. Each and every individual should make their contributions in this. Various literary figures have done their job, now it is the duty of each individual to work for the betterment of nature. So, it is the duty of all individuals to safeguard the environment. We should encourage everyone to fulfill their responsibilities in protecting the environment, which involves creating a high-quality ecological environment and embracing a sustainable and eco-friendly lifestyle.

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Sustainability and Sustainable Cities

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Abstract:-

A fundamental change is sweeping the global economy today, the transition towards clean, innovative, low carbon technologies and infrastructures. Sustainability requires the reconciliation of environmental, social equity and economic demands which are referred to as three pillars of sustainability. Sustainability interfaces with economics through the social and environmental consequences of economic activity. Moving towards sustainability is also a social challenge that entails international and national law, urban planning and transport, local and individual's lifestyles and ethical consumerism. Cities are facing a host of environmental problems, from air pollution to wastewater management and green space degradation. This paper investigate factors that are responsible for sustainable city development in countries. **It also provides information about sustainable development and principles of development.**

KeyWords: - Sustainability, Sustainable development, 17 Goals of Sustainable Development, Smart/ Sustainable cities, Features of sustainable city.

Introduction:-

Sustainability is the capacity to endure. In ecology the word describes how biological systems remain diverse and productive over time. For human, sustainability is the potential for long term maintenance of wellbeing which has ecological, economic, political and cultural dimensions. Sustainability requires the reconciliation of environmental, social equity and economic demands which are referred to as three pillars of sustainability. Since the 1980s sustainability has been used more in the sense of human sustainability on planet Earth and this has resulted in the most widely quoted definition of sustainability and sustainable development

Concept of Sustainability:-

Sustainability refers to the ability to meet the current needs of society without compromising the future. Sustainability means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The term sustainability is broadly used to indicate programs, initiatives and actions aimed at the preservation of a particular resource. However, it actually refers to four distinct areas: human, social, economic and environmental – known as the four pillars of sustainability.

Sustainable development

Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

The 17 Goals are all interconnected, and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve them all by 2030.

The 17 Goals of Sustainable development:-

1. No Poverty: With a projected global poverty rate of 7% in 2030, the equivalent of 598,394,116 people, this UN goal aims to end poverty of all kinds. The COVID-19 conflict set back poverty reduction progress.

2. Zero Hunger: As of 2020, 2.37 billion people are without food or unable to eat a healthy balanced diet, hence the goal of zero hunger. "Zero Hunger" sets out to end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture. The global pandemic has only worsened global hunger, seeing as many as 161 million additional people will experience hunger as a result.

3. Good Health and Well-Being: With a focus on increasing life expectancy and reducing common child and maternal diseases and killers, this goal targets ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all ages. The global pandemic has only made health disparities more apparent, halting and even reducing life-expectancy progress.

4. Quality Education: This goal ensures inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong learning for all. Sadly, COVID-19 reversed

years of education gains, and many countries lack basic school infrastructure.

5. Gender Equality: SDG 5 targets to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The percentage of women who work in national parliaments, local governments, and in managerial positions is still significantly less than that of men. Not to mention 1 in 3 women are subject to violence at least once since the age of 15, and child marriage is still highly present.

6. Clean Water and Sanitation: The availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation ensures safe water for drinking, sanitation, and hygiene, yet 2.3 billion people live in water-stressed countries.

7. Affordable and Clean Energy: Almost 800 million people lack access to electricity and 1/3 of the population uses dangerous cooking systems. This puts into perspective why this goal aims to ensure affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy.

8. Decent Work and Economic Growth: Especially after the global pandemic, joblessness and unemployment is extremely prevalent, making this goal of promoting sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth and productive employment and decent work ever more important.

9. Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure: Resilient infrastructure, inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and innovation are the objective of this sustainable development goal. Enhancing rural road connectivity, increasing research and development investment, and manufacturing high tech products helps stabilize infrastructure.

10. Reduced Inequalities: This sustainable development goal focuses on reducing inequalities within and among countries. Income inequality, the refugee crises, and inequality indexes all show that certain areas and countries are highly more beneficial to live in than others. Living standards between countries are very unbalanced.

11. Sustainable Cities and Communities: This goal promotes making cities and human settlements safer, resilient, and sustainable through use of national urban policies, more access to public spaces, convenient public transportation, and the reduction of slums.

12. Responsible Consumption and Production: Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns, as a goal, aims to reduce climate change and negative environmental impacts.

13. Climate Action: Climate action is a goal involving the fight against climate change and its impacts. Rising greenhouse gas emissions, an average global temperature increase, and increased

spending due to climate change are all negative results of climate change.

14. Life below Water: The Life below Water goal focuses on conserving and sustainably using our oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

We, as a population, rely heavily on our oceans for food, tourism, recreational activities, and global trade. In fact, 3 billion people rely on the ocean for their livelihood. However, our oceans are under severe threat. Over half of key marine biodiversity areas are unprotected, and dead zones, zones lacking oxygen to support marine life, are rising. It is thus imperative we protect our oceans better.

15. Life on Land: This goal overall promotes the health of land life. It includes protecting, restoring, and promoting land ecosystems, managing forests sustainably. Combatting desertification and halting and reversing land degradation and biodiversity loss. With many species under threat and ever-increasing biodiversity loss, it is essential we take better care of land ecosystems.

16. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions: This goal involves reducing conflict, insecurity, and weak institutions by means of promoting peace and inclusivity for sustainable development and justice for all.

17. Partnership for the Goals: This last goal aims to help realize strong partnership and global cooperation for the SDGs. Sustainable city. Sustainable cities are resilient cities that are able to adapt to, mitigate, and promote economic, social, and environmental change.

Meaning & Concept of Sustainable City

A sustainable city is an urban settlement that follows eco-friendly ways to meet its citizens' basic needs without discrimination. The term sustainable means using of natural products and energy for human benefits without harming the environment. So, what is a sustainable city? As per the sustainable city definition, a city is sustainable if it fulfils the basic needs of its citizens, including the necessary infrastructure of civic amenities, housing, employment, education, transportation, health and medical care, good governance, and others. It is also known as Eco City or Green City. Sustainable cities play an important role in reducing global emissions. From sustainable public transportation to urban farming, we explore what are the most important features of sustainable cities and society, and how any cities can learn to help the planet.

Features of sustainable city:-

1. Implementation of green architecture: This green building method is a key component of an Eco City. Green buildings have features such as enhanced ventilation and insulation and solar panels. Green infrastructure helps reduce the number of resources used and lower the harmful emissions, including greenhouse gases from the buildings.

2. Use of urban farming: This method involves utilizing the rooftop gardens and employing other modern techniques for agriculture in urban settlements. Urban farming provides various benefits, including improved air quality, reduced runoff from natural rainfall, reduced transportation costs, supporting local food producers, and ample pollination in cities.

3. Efficient use of public transport: Sustainable cities focus on more eco-friendly options of transportation, such as walking and biking instead of using cars. Thus, they have plenty of sidewalks, easily accessible bike racks, and bike bridges. Some enhanced public transportation services include traffic flow management, regularly scheduled buses, ridesharing initiatives, and others. The use of electric vehicles helps reduce greenhouse gases creating a positive impact on the environment of a sustainable city.

4. Operations on renewable energy sources: In sustainable cities, renewable energy sources, including solar panels, wind turbines, and geothermal and hydroelectric power sources, are widely used for operations in many industries.

5. Waste management and water conservation: Schools, stores, offices, and other entities in a settlement contribute to massive amounts of waste. Thus, sustainable cities are likely to reduce the amount of waste with the help of Internet of Things (IoT) technology. Sustainable cities implement the same technique, like monitoring the infrastructure, pipelines, pumps, and valves to prevent leakage or loss of water and conserve it.

Top 10 Most Sustainable Smart Cities in the World:-

Smart cities are revolutionizing how we live, work, and interact with our environment. These cities are defined by their use of technology and data to improve the quality of life for their residents, while also focusing on sustainability and environmental impact. In this article, we will explore the world's top 10 most sustainable smart cities based on their commitment to sustainability initiatives and the [implementation](#) of smart city technologies.

1. Oslo, Norway: Oslo, the capital city of Norway, takes the top spot as the most sustainable smart city in the world. The city has made significant strides in reducing emissions and improving air quality. Through implementing innovative smart technologies and management systems, Oslo has been able to monitor and control emissions throughout the city. In addition, the city has implemented an impressive waste management system that focuses on [recycling](#) and minimizing waste.

2. Amsterdam, Netherlands: Amsterdam stands out as a global sustainability leader, aiming to become the world's smartest city by 2023. This

commitment is evident through a range of sustainability initiatives. The city has made substantial strides in harnessing renewable energy sources like wind and solar power. For instance, the iconic "Wind wheel" project combines wind turbines and apartments, generating [clean energy](#) while offering innovative living spaces.

3. Copenhagen, Denmark: Copenhagen has earned global recognition for its unwavering dedication to environmental sustainability. The city has set an ambitious target to reach carbon neutrality by 2025, and its impressive efforts are evident in a range of sustainability initiatives.

4. Singapore: Singapore, a [leading smart city](#), has executed a holistic strategy to elevate its residents' quality of life and champion sustainability through technology. The city-state has made remarkable strides in multiple domains.

Singapore's multifaceted approach to smart city development exemplifies its dedication to creating a sustainable and high-quality urban environment for its citizens, positioning it as a global benchmark for smart city initiatives.

5. Stockholm, Sweden: Stockholm has earned a prominent reputation for its unwavering dedication to sustainability and forward-thinking smart city endeavors. The city showcases exemplary projects in critical areas:

Stockholm's impressive standing on the IESE Cities in Motion Index underscores its commitment to creating a sustainable, innovative, high-quality urban environment. It serves as an inspiring example for cities worldwide.

6. Vancouver, Canada: [Vancouver](#) is a shining example of a city deeply committed to environmental sustainability. Vancouver's commitment to environmental sustainability underscores its role as a model for eco-conscious urban development.

7. Helsinki, Finland: Helsinki stands out as a global sustainability leader. Helsinki's holistic approach to sustainability makes it a notable model for cities worldwide, showcasing how smart technologies, green spaces, and community engagement can contribute to a greener and more sustainable urban future.

8. Reykjavik, Iceland: Reykjavik, Iceland's vibrant capital, shines as a beacon of renewable energy and sustainability, setting an exemplary standard for urban environmental stewardship. Reykjavik's dedication to renewable energy, sustainable transport, green spaces, and waste reduction positions it as an inspirational model for cities worldwide striving to attain a high level of environmental sustainability.

9. San Francisco, USA: [San Francisco](#) proudly holds its reputation as one of America's greenest cities. San Francisco's dedication to sustainability sets a noteworthy example for U.S. cities,

illustrating how comprehensive recycling, renewable energy, green building practices, and sustainable transport can create an eco-friendly urban landscape.

10. Barcelona, Spain: Barcelona, a bustling metropolis, is at the forefront of leveraging innovative city technologies to bolster sustainability. Barcelona's holistic approach to innovative city initiatives, combining smart buildings, efficient waste management, sustainable urban planning, and green spaces, underscores its dedication to sustainable urban development, setting a benchmark for cities worldwide.

Conclusion:-

These top 10 sustainable smart cities are leading the way in utilizing technology and data to [enhance sustainability](#) and improve the quality of life for their residents. From reducing emissions and improving air quality to implementing innovative projects and smart systems, these cities are setting an example for other cities worldwide. As we continue to move towards a worldwide future, these cities provide inspiration and guidance on creating smart, sustainable cities that prioritize the well-being of their residents and the environment. It is very important to build such cities in our country. Mumbai, Delhi, Calcutta are the only option to become pollution free cities.

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***Solanum torvum* Sw. Prodr. (Solanaceae)-Fruit traditional vegetable of Gondia district region, (MS) India**

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Abstract

In this study, *Solanum torvum* is rare wild plants consumed as traditional local vegetable by local people of Gondia district (MS), India. The detailed methods of their preparation and preservation as well as their medicinal use were surveyed. Fruits of *Solanum torvum* are toxic and therefore required special method for preparation of vegetable to make it edible. The study showed that the fruits of the plants used, cooked by boiling in water, frying in fat or baking to be served as dishes such as stew for certain seasons. Fruits of this rare plant were used as traditional vegetable and their complete recipe reported firstly are mentioned in the note.

Keyword: *Solanum torvum*, wild edible plant, traditional vegetable, fruits, Gondia.

Introduction:

In globally, 3000 edible plant species known to mankind and among them only 30 species alone are contributing to more than 90 percent of the world's calorie intake at the national scale (FAO, 1993). For instance, various wild species of *Colocasia*, *Dioscorea* and *Amaranthus*, are the source of vitamins and nutrients, and they supplement the food needs of a multitude of families live in forests area (Roy et al., 1998). India has a tribal population of 42 million, of whom 60 percent live in forest areas and depend on various edible forest products (Jain and Chauhan, 1998). Previous work on various wild edible plants and their importance in local area from Maharashtra like Amravati, Nasik, Buldhana and Kolhapur were carried out by Vartak (1959); Vartak and Kulkarni (1987), Kulkarni and Kumbhoikar (1992), Patil and Patil (2000), Bhogaonkar et al., (2010), Kshirsagar et al., (2012), Mahadkar and Jadhav (2013).

Traditional vegetables of the Malays in Malaysia include more than 120 species representing different families, from shrubs to large trees (Mansor, 1988). Deshpande and Kulkarni (2014) described wild leafy vegetable preparation from Undirkani plant from Rajgond tribe. This tribe has traditional method of tuber cultivation and preservation techniques of Flowers, roots, fruits, leaves and mushrooms (Deshpande and Kulkarni, 2013). The Solanaceae represent one of the most economically and medicinally important families of flowering plant. The genus *Solanum* of Solanaceae family contain about 2000 species in the world that are mostly distributed in the tropical and sub-tropical areas, with a small number in the temperate areas (Jennifer et al., 1997). Among them about 21

species and one variety in this genus are used as herbal medicines (Hu et al., 1999).

Solanum torvum L. is a small shrub, widely distributed in India, Malaya, China, Philippines, Pakistan and tropical America (Nasir, 1985). For many decades, different cultural groups have used the dried stem and root of this plant for treatment of various ailments (Anonymous, 2000). Even though the above plants are known as natural sources of food and medicine, no information is available about the detailed methods of their traditional recipe preparation of these plants.

Taxonomical Classification:

Kingdom: Plantae

Subkingdom: Tracheobionta

Super division: Spermatophyta

Division: Angiosperma

Class: Dicotyledons

Order: Tubiflorae

Family: Solanaceae

Genus: *Solanum*

Species: *torvum*

Botany of *Solanum torvum*:

S. torvum Sw. Prodr. 47. 1788; C.B.Cl. in Hook. f. Fl. Brit. India 4: 234. 1883; Bhogaonkar & Devarkar, Add. Fl. Melghat 41, figs. A–G. 1999.

S. torvum Sw. Prodr. is the shrubs and locally called as *Jungali Wangi*. Shrubs, 2.5–3.6 m high, densely covered with stellate hairs; stem and petioles prickly. Leaves- 15.5 x 10.0 cm, ovate, shallowly lobed, shortly acuminate at apex, subcordate at base. Flowers- white, 1.5–2.0 cm across, many in dense cymes. Fruits- Berries globose, shining yellow when ripe. Seeds- brown. Fls. & Frts. : September–January. Illus. : Wight, Ic. t. 345. 1840; Bhogaonkar & Devarkar, op. cit.

Material and Methods

The surveys were conducted in the forest area of Gondia district (MS), India which is located between 20° 39' to 21°38' N and 79° 52' to 80°42' E. The data of method of recipe preparation of fruits of *S. torvum* were collected through group discussion, semi-structured interviews and household survey (Martin, 1995; Pretty *et al.*, 1995).

**Plant material**

Plant samples were collected from the Pangadi forest area of Fattepur village of Gondia district, and were identified (N.P. Singh, S. Karthikeyan, 2000). Voucher specimens were deposited at the mini herbarium of the Laboratory of at C. J. Patel College, Tirora.

**Recipe Preparation****Procedure:**

Step 1: Collection of *Solanum torvum* fruits and washing it in running cold water. Peel it properly and cut into two equal parts (pieces). (Before

cutting, hand washing is necessary and polish the hand with oil otherwise itching/irritating the hand at the time of cutting. This experience recorded by local women)



Step 2: Take single pot having cut pieces of fruits. Again wash with clean water and keep for sometimes.

Step 3: Take second pot with water and boil it. Place all the cut pieces of fruits having boiling water

and keep it for 10 minutes. Fruits are consumed with this appropriate method to remove its irritating and toxic substances.



Step 4: take a medium-size cooking pot, adding vegetable oil and heat on the stove. Add curry leaves, cut onion, tomato, green chilly into very

small pieces, chili powder, turmeric are mix properly and flame until very hot and cumin.



Step 5: Put the steamed vegetable into the above step. Steam the vegetable on a normal flame for 15-

20 minute. After 20 minutes steamed vegetable is - ready to eat.



Results and Discussion:

Consumption of wild fruit among different communities depends on their availability and knowledge of their edibility. The results of this study support the significance of wild edibles plant *S. torvum* in known to them for consumption. Fruits are consumed with appropriate method to remove its irritating or toxic substances. This document of food preparation is new to science and society.

Conclusions:

Solanum torvum is rare and important member of the potato family and used to make traditional vegetable by the people living in and near forest fringes of Gondia district. In addition, there is a need to explore the local indigenous uses of this plant in different communities. This review reveals that edible property *S. torvum* will remain an important topic of pharmaceutical research.

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A Study of OIKOS in Rajam Krishnan's *When the Kurinji Blooms*

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Abstract

This paper is an attempt to bring out the ideas of Rajam Krishnas *When the Kurinji Blooms*. Rajam Krishna contributes his ideas to novels, but his ideas and thoughts can be applied to any genres comprising eco-friendly works. The writings of Rajam Krishna generally packed with her caring nature towards the earth of her writings are featured with ecocritical ideas. An Integrated oikotic people lived along with nature. They live like kith and kin in the society. In this society humans celebrate nature and they love nature and they learn to live along with the nature. They worship nature. This kind of people have the essence of tasting the life by sharing their love kindness and responsibility towards fellow human beings. Rajam Krishna's work *When the Kurinji Blooms* is filled with integrated oikotic quality.

Key Words: Integrated Oikos, *When the Kurinji Blooms*, Oikopoetic Methodology

Introduction

The word "ecocritic" is Greek in origin. It holds the belief that the world ought to be well-cared for. In his essay "Some Principles of Ecocriticism," William Howarth begins. The Greek words eco and critic, when combined, mean "house judge," which may come as a surprise to many fans of outdoor, green writing. The concept of ecocriticism implies that humans are inextricably linked to nature and rely on it for survival. Though they live along with those people, they are showing their care and concern over the environment. Here also anarchic kind of people delineated between anarchically inclined people and non anarchically inclined people. Many literary individuals are triggered by the idea of love, and they start to see the literature from an ecological perspective. Diverse forms of ecocriticism exist. One type of ecocriticism that manipulates is called oiko criticism or oiko poetry. When examining the passages using oikological ideas. In his *Oikopoetic Methodology*, Nirmal Selvamony analyzes the Tamil word oikos and concludes that the word "tinai" is akin to oikos. Nirmal Selvamony divided the oikopoetic technique into three primary categories. Poetry is shaped, in his opinion, by Integrative, Hierarchic, and Anarchic types of oikos.

The two-legged and four-legged people in Integrative Oikos coexisted as relatives. Oikos, the Hierarchic, entered as the civilization developed. There, many believe that nature was made specifically for humanity and see it as a resource. These individuals establish a new form of

interaction in which nature is at the bottom, humans are in the center, and sacred is at the top. The shift that occurs in people's thoughts

People's perceptions are changing, which causes them to take more use of and extract from nature. These individuals cause a rift in everyone's thoughts. They divided into the wet land and the dry land, the domestic and wild animals, the superior and lesser humans, and the sacred and human. From a hierarchical oikos, one eventually becomes an anarchic oikos. Those who are anarchic are entirely distinct from integrative and hierarchical individuals. They are heavily reliant on resources and cash. They calculate how much wealth a person can accumulate in their lifetime before saying the word "settle down." These days, it is just terrible. People with various and enigmatic mindsets can be seen among the crowd. Despite coexisting with those individuals, they are demonstrating their concern and care for the environment. Additionally, anarchists distinguished between those who were inclined toward anarchy and those who were not.

Musiri, Tamil Nadu, was the birthplace of Rajam Krishnan in 1924. She was raised by the banks of the Kaveri River and enjoyed a tranquil upbringing. Rajam Krishnan was an avid reader and astute observer of human behavior, despite having very little official schooling. When she was just fourteen years old, she got married to Krishnan, a worker for the Central government. Rajam Krishnan had several opportunities to travel to different parts of India because to her husband's frequent job transfers, which allowed her to get a wide-ranging

perspective of Indian culture, customs, and attitudes. As such, the characters in her works have a realistic quality and her writings mirror life's truths. She has written forty novels, twenty plays, two biographies and several short stories in Tamil. She was also the recipient of various awards including the 'Sahitya Akademi', 'Thiru-Vi-Ka' and the 'Saraswathi Samman' awards. A few of her famous novels are *Lamps in the Whirlpool*, *When the Kurinji Blooms*, *Water for the Roots*, *The Blooms of Thorn*, *Salty Pearls*, *People of Slush*, *The Eye of the Storm* and *Land of Mothers*.

The book *When the Kurinji Blooms* describes the transformations that take place in the Nilgiris over the course of three generations in both the natural world and the lives of the Badaga tribes. It highlights how man's perspective on both nature and his fellow humans is evolving. It sheds light on how man's selfishness and his pursuit of wealth and power lead to the theft of Nature's lush beauty. Krishna discusses the effects of urbanization on tribal groups and the devastation of the environment brought about by progress. She illustrates the contamination that seeps into the tribal communities' consciousness and the natural world.

The Badaga tribe, whose way of life is a manifestation of authenticity and oneness with nature, lives in the hills of Nilgiris, where the narrative is situated. They are essentially simple farmers and herders who cultivate for survival rather than money accumulation. In the book *When the Kurinji Blooms*, the lives of three generations in a single Maragathamalaihatti village or settlement are depicted. The main characters of the tale are Lingayya, his grandson Nanj, and his son Jogi. Lingayya is an incredibly loving and respectful guy of nature, with a gentle heart. Along with his wife Madhi and son Jogi, who looks after the grazing cows, he has a modest but happy existence. As a young guy, Lingayya has the chance to live a peaceful life away from the toxins of urbanization in the middle of nature. Lingayya is a symbol for the earlier generations who coexisted peacefully with the natural world. The Badaga people were happy with basic pleasures and lived in harmony with the natural world. Lingayya loved and cared for his buffaloes, and he was happy with the harvest that his little field produced. This is the evident of Integrated Oikos.

Rangan, who was twelve years old, has an immense desire to settle down in the nearby town called Othai. He considered the town as a place filled with opportunities for job and handsome earnings, which was absent in the hills. Rangan represents the tribal people, who are lured by the towns, with empty promises of a job, money and pleasure. Rangan symbolises the people, who abjure the call of Nature, which offers a

peaceful life, and prefer a tinsel world of unhealthy pleasures. He also represents the tribal people ironically the town often travel towards Nature, to repair their lost strength and vitality. He is an example Anarchic Oikos. With Rangan's arrival, life in the hatti gets even more problematic. Rangan moved to the town from the hills in pursuit of a better life. Due to his familial wealth, Rangan was constantly envious of Krishnan and made every effort to outdo him. His cousin Pam, who was madly in love with Krishnan, is the one he demands to give her hand. Rangan's desire to wed Pam is merely an attempt to overthrow and defy Krishna. As a member of the elder tribal generation, Pam's grandfather chooses to let Nature, who was a big part of their life, choose the groom. He challenges Paru's suitors to lift a large stone. This suggests that a man who can confront and conquer the difficulties and obstacles presented by nature would be a good groom. The laborer Rangan, who succeeds in lifting the rock, marries the heartbroken Paru.

Rangan organizes a walkout against the dam's construction at the site, believing it to be Krishnan's idea. He gives Jogi his whole backing and manages to stir tension at Maragathamalaihatti. He calls a meeting of the locals and laborers to protest the project. Rangan, who had never shown any concern for the natural world, used the battle against deforestation as a justification to end the project, merely to exact his own kind of retribution on Krishnan. He stands for those who, rather than acting as sincere, caring, and well-wishers of Nature, fight a pretentious battle on her behalf. There is conflict between the laborers and the police. When Rangan is shot during the disturbance, the entire mayhem comes to an end. The book makes the implication that individuals like Lingayya, Jogi, and Pam work very hard to protect the environment and their eco-friendly way of life. They are the defenders of nature, doing everything in their power to protect it and leave it as a legacy so that future generations might enjoy a tranquil and healthy existence. It also demonstrates the numerical superiority of selfish, callous individuals like Rangan—who have no morality and cherish money above all else—over those like Jogi and Pam. These people's narrow-mindedness obliterates the fundamental path to wellbeing and health. Nature is a selfless force that has generously shared all of her beauty and abundance with humans and other animals in order to ensure their survival and well-being. Rajam Krishnan's *When the Kurinji Blooms* sheds light on the lives of the Badagas of the Nilgiris and is a useful resource for studying the changes in lifestyle that occur in the tribal life of the Badaga tribes when there is a disturbance to Nature.

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Temperature-Dependent Synthesis and Characterization of Polythiophene Nanoparticles

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Abstract:

This research paper investigates the synthesis of polythiophene (PTh) by chemical oxidative method at different temperatures using ferric chloride as the oxidizing agent. The study focuses on the structural analysis via XRD and SEM images. X-ray diffraction (XRD) experiments reveal the non-crystalline nature of the samples. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images display particle agglomeration at 283 K and 310 K, while distinctive loop structures are observed in samples synthesized at 328 K.

Keywords: Polythiophene, PTh nanoparticles, chemical oxidative, XRD, SEM.

Introduction

The study of polymers as electrode materials in electrochemical supercapacitors is noted, with polythiophenes in nanoform being highlighted for their environmental resilience and strong electrical conductivity, contributing to efficient supercapacitor performance. The structural composition of polythiophenes, featuring alternating double and single bonds, along with the unique thionyl ring structure, is discussed, elucidating the single bond character and its impact on the material's properties. Additionally, the role of sulfur atoms in influencing the electrical and optical properties of polythiophene, and the regulation of carbon atom conjugation through spectroscopic effects, adds complexity to the understanding of these conductive polymers. The introduction highlights the suitability of conjugated polymers, particularly thiophene-based polymers, for electrical applications due to their valuable properties and environmental friendliness. It emphasizes the need for high-performance composite materials in space

applications, with a focus on synthesizing polythiophene-based composites, including CNTs, known for their mechanical and electrical properties. The conduction mechanisms in polythiophene (PTh) are extensively explored, aligning it with conjugated polymers like polyacetylene (PA), poly (p-phenylene) (PPP), and polyaniline (PANI). Derived from the polymerization of thiophene, a sulfur heterocycle, PTh can be rendered conductive through electron addition or removal via doping [1, 2]. PTh and its derivatives stand out for their high electrical conductivity, environmental stability, and thermal robustness, making them attractive for applications in composites or blends with other polymers or inorganic materials [2, 3].

The molecular structure of PTh involves alternating double and single bonds, with the first and fourth carbon atoms connected by a sulfur atom, forming a thionyl ring. The bond between the second and third carbon atoms exhibits more single-bond character, contributing to the unique properties of PTh [4].

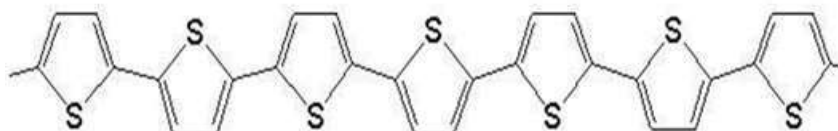


Fig.(1): Structure of Polythiophene

Conductivity levels categorize materials as insulators (below 10^{-9} S/m), semiconductors (between 10^{-9} and 10^{-2} S/m), or conductors (above 10^{-2} S/m). In their neutral states, most conducting polymers, including PTh, act as insulators or weak semiconductors. Doping, achieved through chemical exposure or electrochemical methods, enhances their conductivity. Dopants function as charge

transfer agents, occupying interstitial sites between polymer chains and forming soliton, polaron, and bipolaron structures through redox reactions, contributing to intramolecular conductivity.

Doping polythiophene results in the formation of polarons and bipolarons. When an n-electron is removed, it becomes a radical cation or polaron, stabilized by polarization across several

monomeric units. Removal of a second electron forms two polarons or one bipolaron, with the latter stretching from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and exhibiting structural deformation. Bipolarons are energetically more favorable than separate polaronic states. In an external electric field, polarons and bipolarons become mobile charge carriers, responsible for electrical conduction in the polymer chains [5, 6]. The existing literature underscores the significant role of transition metal ions in tuning the structural and electrical properties of polymers. However, there are limited reports on the conductivity studies of PTh-V₂O₅ and PTh-CoO nanocomposites, highlighting an area for further exploration and understanding.

Experimentation

Synthesis of Samples: Polymers are commonly prepared using various techniques in research, with

chemical oxidative polymerization being widely employed due to its ease, high yield, and economic advantages [7-9]. In this study, samples were prepared using a chemical method, and the chemicals utilized included analytical grade Thiophene, Ferric chloride, Methanol, and Chloroform. PTh nanocomposites were synthesized by mechanically mixing analytical grade vanadium pentoxide (V₂O₅)/CoO with PTh.

Synthesis of Polythiophene; A solution of Thiophene in chloroform was prepared and stirred thoroughly. Separately, a solution of chloroform and ferric chloride was magnetically stirred for half an hour. The chloroform-ferric chloride solution was then added dropwise to the homogeneous PTh solution.

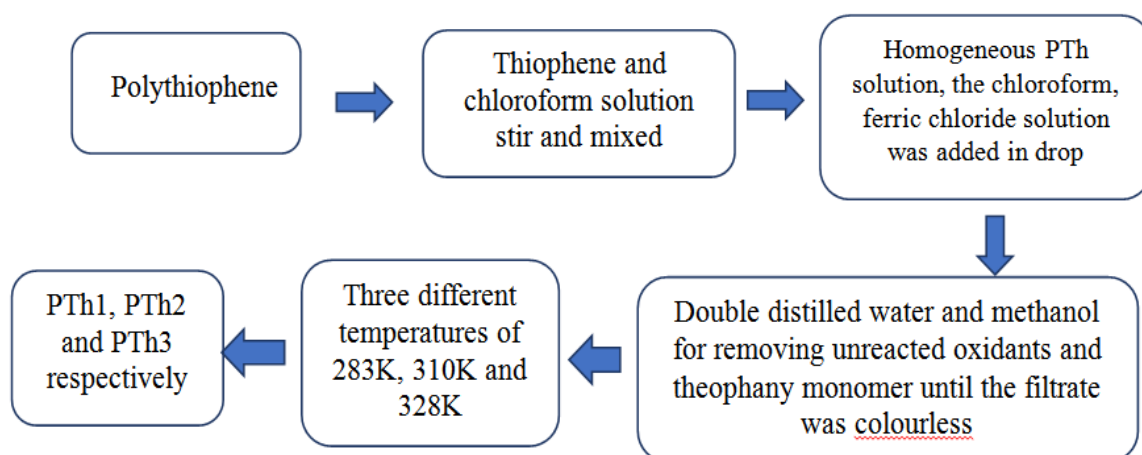


Fig. (2): Synthesis of polythiophene by chemical oxidative method.

The entire mixture was magnetically stirred for 24 hours, resulting in the formation of a black precipitate. This precipitate underwent chloroform and methanol washing, gradually turning brown, indicative of Polythiophene formation [10-13]. The collected precipitate was filtered and washed multiple times with double-distilled water and methanol to remove unreacted oxidants and thiophene monomer until the filtrate became colourless. The obtained powder was then dried and ground. The synthesis process was conducted at three different temperatures—283K, 310K, and

328K—yielding products labeled as PTh1, PTh2, and PTh3, respectively.

Results and Discussions

X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) results:

A typical XRD pattern obtained for PTh1 is shown in Fig. (3). In the figure, we see no sharp peaks. The absence of sharp peaks in the XRD pattern suggests that polythiophene 1 (PTh1) and the other two samples are non-crystalline in nature, indicating an amorphous or disordered structure [14,15].

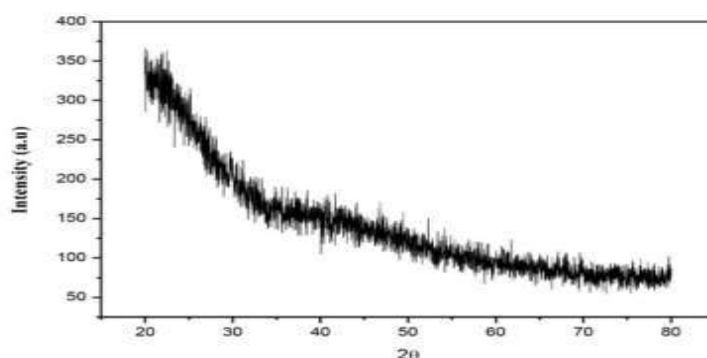
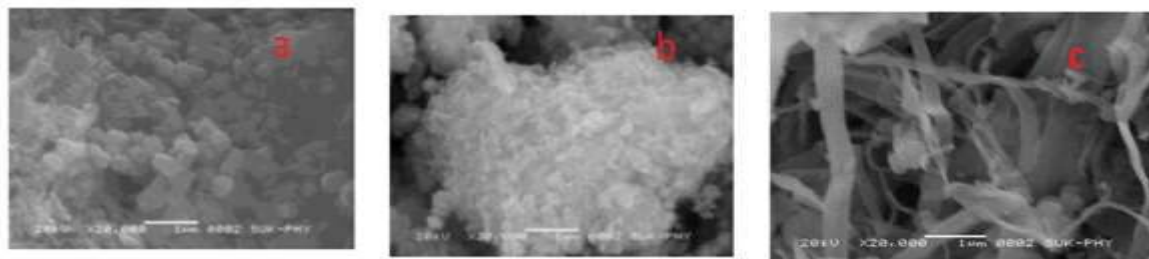


Fig (3):X-ray diffraction pattern of pure PTh1.**Scanning Electron Microscopy (Sem) Result**

To understand the surface morphology, samples were subjected to Scanning Electron Microscopy. The SEM images of three PTh samples are shown in Fig.4 (a-c). The Figure 4(a) Shows agglomerated nanoparticles with micropores within them. In Fig. 4(b), It is found that the agglomeration

rate is increased. In the figure. 4(c), the nanoparticles formed a tube-like structure. The average nanoparticles sizes are 41 nm, 50 nm and 71 nm respectively for PTh1, PTh2 and PTh3. The SEM image displayed in Fig. 4(c) corresponds to the prepared sample of 328K. This means that PTh formed tube-like structure at higher temperatures.

**Fig. (4): SEM images of (a) PTh1, (b) PTh2 and (c) PTh3 samples.****Conclusion**

We successively prepared PTh sample by chemical oxidative method at three different temperatures, XRD confirmed the non-crystalline nature of the sample and nanometre size of particle is confirmed by SEM images. It is found that particle size increases as sample synthesized temperature increases. SEM images revealed the transitions of the PTh sample from agglomeration to tubular like structure of the sample synthesized above 310K.

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Utilization of Antioxidants or reducing agents like SBH (Sodium Borohydride) for color reduction in Benzylation reaction of p-octyl phenol ethoxylates.

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Abstract:

Non-ionic surfactants are extensively employed in various industries, including personal care, home care, pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, and paint formulations. The color of these surfactants plays a significant role in achieving a visually appealing finished product that appeals to customers. This experimental study focuses on the utilization of antioxidants, namely MEHQ (Methoxy hydroquinone), BHT (Butylated hydroxy toluene), and SBH (Sodium borohydride), during the synthesis of non-ionic surfactants through a benzylation reaction. The benzylation reaction follows the Williamson ether synthesis method, employing reactants such as ethoxylates of p-octyl phenol, antioxidants or reducing agents, and benzyl chloride. The antioxidants were added at ppm (parts per million) levels during the synthesis process. The results indicate that the addition of MEHQ and BHT did not result in an improved color of the surfactants. However, when SBH was added at a concentration of 40 ppm relative to the batch size, a remarkable enhancement in the color of both the alkoxide and the final product was observed. Based on these findings, this study recommends the addition of 40 ppm of Sodium borohydride for ethoxylates synthesis, alkoxide formation, and the benzylation process.

Keywords: Sodium borohydride, benzylation, ethoxylates, p-octyl phenol, benzyl chloride.

Introduction

This research paper is directed to improvements in the production of benzylated ethoxylated alkylphenols derivatives, specifically regarding the production of light-colored benzylated products, by inhibiting the formation of colored bodies through the inclusion of antioxidants or reducing agents during the benzylation reaction. The color inhibiting amounts of certain compounds described in detail below. It is well known that, in the alkylation of ethoxylated alkylphenols derivatives, colored byproduct bodies are formed which are objectionable, since it is a desirable attribute of the finished alkylated products that they possess a light color. For instance, in benzylation reaction the approaches can be utilize of color inhibition agents that generally used for the sulfation of alkyl ethoxylates. Various approaches have, been suggested to overcome such objections as, for instance, the carrying out of the sulfation reaction in the presence of such agents as hypo phosphorous acid and salts, as is disclosed in British Pat. No. 903,204. other procedures have been suggested, in relation to eliminating unwanted color from sulfated products such as bleaching of the sulfated long chain alcohols after the completion of the sulfation reaction, as shown in U.S. Pat. No. 2,846,457; and

by carrying out of the sulfation reaction in the presence of thioamides such as thiourea and thioacetamide, as shown in US. Pat. No. 2,928,860.

It is also stated that sodium borohydrides have been suggested for use in certain reactions to produce improved color in the synthesized reaction products, as, for instance, in the purification of crude phthalic anhydride (US. Pat. No. 3,328,429). This type of chemical reaction bears no relationship to the considerations which apply to inhibiting objectionable color formation in the benzylation of ethoxylated alkylphenols. It is already in practice to produce light color ethoxylated product by using small amount of hydrogen peroxide to beach the final product while this method has some limitation as after bleaching the final product if heated again while application in formulation the color of the product becomes very dark even darker than initial color. We studied the benzylation reaction of ethoxylated alkylphenols by adding the small amount of the antioxidants like MEHQ (Methoxy hydroquinone), BHT (Butylated hydroxy toluene) and also carried out the benzylation reaction without any antioxidants, the resultant products get the pale yellow and brown color. We also studied the reaction, by carrying out the benzylation of ethoxylated alkylphenols in the presence of a small

amount of SBH (Sodium borohydride), the resulting benzylated products possess a highly desirable light color. The inhibition of formation of color bodies achieved by using sodium borohydride in benzylation of ethoxylates of p-octyl phenol in the alkoxide formation step and substitution step of sodium ion with the benzyl group of benzyl chloride.

Experimental Method

Materials

p-octyl phenol ethoxylates with 15 mole ratio of ethylene oxide was obtained from Sterling Auxiliaries Pvt. Ltd., Sodium hydroxide in pellet form was obtained from Grasim Industries. Benzyl Chloride was obtained from Thomas Baker. Hydrochloric acid for pH adjustment was purchased from Loba chemie pvt ltd. MEHQ (Methoxy hydroquinone), BHT (Butylated hydroxy toluene), and SBH (Sodium borohydride) was purchased from sigma Aldrich.

Methods

Laboratory scale benzylation reaction with the use of antioxidants

870 g (1 mol) 15 mole ethoxylates of p-octyl phenol and 50 g (1.25 mol) of sodium hydroxide (flakes form) with different antioxidants was taken in the round bottom flask having 4 necks. The reaction vessel was continuously inert with nitrogen and giving the retention time for the reaction about 4-5 hour for the formation of sodium alkoxide ion by continuously providing the heat by heating mantle from room temperature to 90°C. then 108 g (0.85 mol) of benzyl chloride was added dropwise via the dropping funnel starting from 90°C temperature, reaction was exothermic, as the reaction proceeds the temperature of the reaction rises up to 120°C and the reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for 1 hour for the assurance of the completion of reaction. Here the benzyl ether of p-octyl phenol ethoxylates get with Sodium chloride as by product. Allow the reaction mass to cool up to 90 deg C and added the water about 50 gm, the product divided into an aqueous salt phase and an organic valuable phase. The latter was transferred to a separating funnel. Finally, the product was neutralized with HCL to get the neutral pH about 6-7 and analyze the different chemical and physical properties of the synthesized product.

Analytical Determination

Determination of Cloud Point

The Cloud Point of starting material and synthesized product were analyzed by the ISO 1065:1991, non-ionic surface-active agents obtained from ethylene oxide and mixed non-ionic surface-

active agents — determination of cloud point — where the 1% of surfactant in water is heated in water bath increasing the temperature of water bath as the cloudiness appears considered that temperature as the cloud point of the material. When the cloudiness of 1% of surfactant in water does not appear up to 100°C, then cloud point analyzed in 5% NaCl or 10% NaCl in water solution as the sodium chloride suppressed the cloud point of surfactants.

Determination of Hydroxyl Value by titration Method

The hydroxyl value of starting material and synthesized product were analyzed by the ISO 4327:1979 method which is normally used for the non-ionic surface-active agents — poly alkoxyates derivatives where phthalic anhydride was used for the esterification of hydroxyl group.

Determination of Molecular Weight of Non-Ionic Surfactants

To calculate the molecular weight of ethoxylates using the hydroxyl value, divide the constant 56110 by the hydroxyl value. The constant 56110 represents the molar mass of the ethylene oxide (EO) unit. The formula to calculate the molecular weight of ethoxylates using the hydroxyl value: Molecular weight = 56110 / Hydroxyl value. In this way calculated the molecular weight of p-octyl phenol ethoxylates and simply we added the molecular weight of benzyl group to the molecular weight p-octyl phenol ethoxylates for the subsequent benzylated p-octyl phenol ethoxylates.

Determination of Color by Tintometer

For the determination of color using a Tintometer according to ISO standards used ISO 7887:2017 method which involves tintometer instrument where color reading detects after measurement. ISO has various standards that provide guidelines for color determination, such as ISO 7887:2017, titled "Water quality - Determination of color."

Results and discussion

The analysis of the initial raw material employed for the benzylation reaction which is 15 mole ethoxylates of p-octyl phenol, where the cloud point in 1% aqueous found to be 100 °C, hydroxyl value analyzed by the titration method utilizing the phthalic anhydride reagent for the analysis found to be 64.5 mg KOH/gm of sample. The molecular weight calculated by dividing to 56110 by the hydroxyl value of the sample found to be 869.92 gm/mole. The physical appearance of the initial raw material was clear colorless liquid and color analyzed by tintometer found to be 36 apha.

Parameters	Initial Raw Material (15 mole ethoxylates of p-octyl phenol)
Cloud Point (1% Aqueous)	100 °C
Hydroxyl Value (mg KOH / gm)	64.5
Molecular Weight (gm/mole)	869.92

Physical Appearance @ 25 °C	Clear Colorless Liquid
Color (APHA)	36

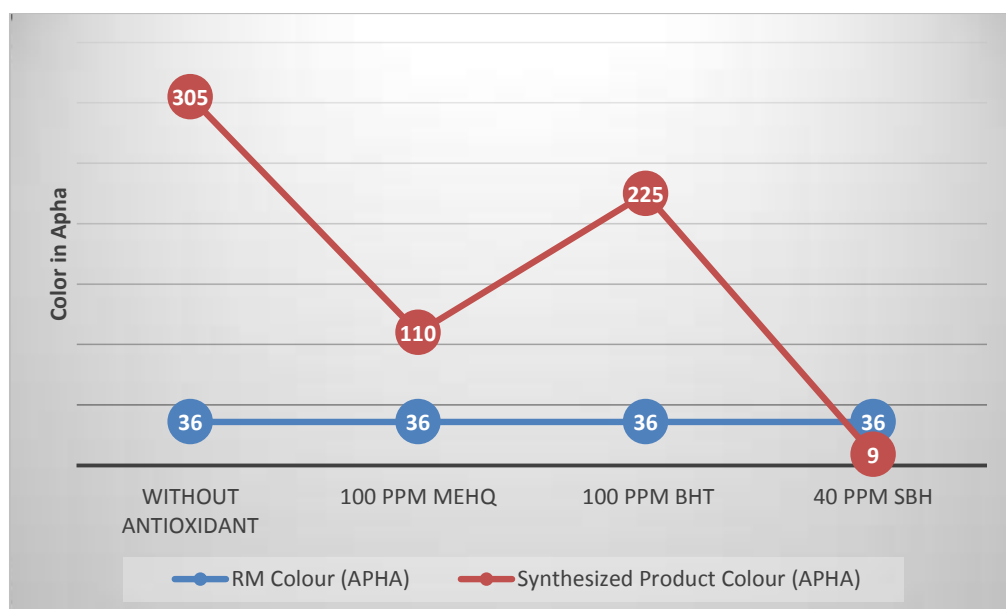
The analysis of benzylation reaction carried out without any antioxidants and with antioxidants like 100 ppm MEHQ, 100 ppm BHT and with 40 ppm SBH found to be same in each reaction like Cloud Point (1% Aqueous), Hydroxyl Value (mg KOH / gm), Molecular Weight (gm/mole) but physical appearance at room temperature and color measure by tintometer vary in each reaction. The physical appearance of the reaction processed without antioxidant and processed with 100 ppm

BHT found to be Clear Yellow Liquid, the physical appearance of the reaction processed with 100 ppm MEHQ found to be Clear Pale-Yellow Liquid while the physical appearance of the reaction processed with 40 ppm SBH found to be Clear Colorless Liquid. The color of the processed product found to be increased in each processed reaction except the color of the product processed with 40 ppm SBH found to be surprisingly very low color which is just 9 apha which was color like drinking water.

Parameters	Product processed without antioxidant	Product processed with 100 ppm MEHQ	Product processed with 100 ppm BHT	Product processed with 40 ppm SBH
Cloud Point (1% Aqueous)	25 °C	24 °C	23.5 °C	25.5 °C
Hydroxyl Value (mg KOH / gm)	13	13.03	12.95	10.31
Molecular Weight (gm/mole)	964.92	960.92	962.1	964.11
Physical Appearance @ 25 °C	Clear Yellow Liquid	Clear Pale-Yellow Liquid	Clear Yellow Liquid	Clear Colorless Liquid
Color (APHA)	305	110	225	9

The graphical representation of color when treated with or without antioxidants or reducing agents, showing as the positive and negative impact on the process. It is clearly shown from the graph while using MEHQ, BHT and while not using

antioxidants in the synthesis process the color of the product gets higher than the initial raw material, while using SBH just 40ppm level the color of the products gets improved.



Conclusion:

The synthesis of non-ionic surfactants often leads to the formation of aldehyde and ketone products, which contribute to the undesired pale yellow to yellow coloration of the surfactants. However, our research demonstrates that by incorporating 40 ppm of sodium borohydride at the beginning of the reaction, the coloration of the synthesized product can be effectively prevented.

Sodium borohydride serves as a potent reducing agent, effectively inhibiting the formation of aldehydes and ketones during the synthesis of non-ionic surfactants via the Williamson ether synthesis reaction, particularly during the steps of alkoxide formation and benzylation with benzyl chloride. Additionally, also suggests that the addition of SBH should also be considered during long-term storage of non-ionic surfactants to maintain their optimal

color and quality. Overall, the utilization of sodium borohydride as a reducing agent offers a practical solution to mitigate color-related issues associated with non-ionic surfactant synthesis, leading to improved product quality and customer satisfaction.

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Chaman Nahal's Novels: A Tapestry of Nationalism and Historical Realism

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Abstract

This extensive article provides a comprehensive overview of Chaman Nahal, a prominent figure in Indian literature, focusing on his life, literary contributions, and thematic explorations, with a particular emphasis on his novel "Azadi." The article highlights Nahal's role as a literary luminary whose creative imagination has left a lasting impact on the cultural and social landscape of India. Born in 1927 in Lahore, Nahal's literary journey reflects the rich tapestry of India's history, socio-political evolution, and the collective consciousness of its people. The narrative explores how Nahal strategically employs nationalism infused with historical contexts in his novels, especially in "Azadi," to achieve multifaceted objectives. The article traces Nahal's early exposure to diverse cultural influences in pre-independence India, shaping the foundation for his literary endeavors. It delves into the complexities of Indian nationalism, which represents an amalgamation of various influences, and Nahal's adept use of historical background, stylistic devices, and thematic exploration to depict nationalism as a vibrant and dynamic character in his literary works.

The article examines Nahal's journey into creative writing during a time of fervent political movements and the quest for independence. It discusses how his works resonate with the ethos of the mid-20th century, capturing the spirit of a newly independent India grappling with challenges such as nation-building, identity formation, and social reconstruction. The focus then shifts to a detailed analysis of "Azadi," portraying it as a compelling exploration of the period leading to India's independence, with a nuanced depiction of Gandhian ideology and the complexities of nationalist aspirations. Nahal's ability to weave fiction into historical events seamlessly is highlighted, and his literary canvas extends beyond the personal to broader societal and historical narratives. The article discusses the thematic diversity present in Nahal's novels, exploring his exploration of marital discord, historical events, cosmopolitanism, and the repercussions of India's partition. It also delves into Nahal's philosophical reflections, his portrayal of Mahatma Gandhi, and his role as a literary critic and cultural commentator. The legacy of Chaman Nahal is portrayed as enduring, bridging the past and present, with his writings serving as a historical archive that offers insights into India's journey from colonial subjugation to sovereign nationhood. The article concludes by emphasizing Nahal's literary maturity and his significant contribution to the understanding of India's historical and social fabric, making his novels reflections on the multifaceted nature of Indian nationalism.

Keywords: Transformative Period, Post-Independence India, Nationalism, Gandhian Ideology, 'Azadi'

Introduction:

Chaman Nahal's creative imagination emerges as a beacon illuminating the path of Indian literature during a transformative period. His ability to encapsulate the zeitgeist of his time, coupled with a nuanced understanding of the human experience, establishes him as a literary luminary. Nahal's writings serve as a testament to the enduring power of literature to capture the essence of a society in flux, making him an indispensable figure in the literary panorama of post-independence India. His legacy persists, urging readers to engage with the complexities of the past and find resonance with the challenges and triumphs of the present. This academic article explores the multifaceted use of nationalism and historical background in Chaman Nahal's novels, particularly focusing on how these elements serve various narrative and thematic

purposes. Through an analysis of Nahal's selected works, including "Azadi," the article delves into the intricate interplay of historical events, characters, and Nahal's creative imagination. The study highlights Nahal's role as a true representative of his time, capturing the essence of Indian nationalism while presenting a nuanced understanding of human strengths and weaknesses in the socio-political landscape. References to Gandhian ideology, social realism, and the portrayal of women in Nahal's novels further contribute to a comprehensive examination of his literary contributions.

Chaman Nahal, an eminent figure in the tapestry of Indian literature, emerges as a true representative of his time, a literary luminary whose creative imagination has left an indelible mark on the cultural and social landscape of India. Born in 1927, Nahal's literary journey spans decades,

reflecting the rich tapestry of the nation's history, socio-political evolution, and the collective consciousness of its people. His journey begins in pre-independence India, a period marked by fervent political movements and the simmering anticipation of freedom. Raised in Lahore, which was then a part of undivided India, Nahal was witness to the socio-political upheavals that would shape the destiny of the nation. His early exposure to diverse cultural influences, linguistic richness, and the vibrant milieu of a pre-partitioned India laid the foundation for his literary endeavors. Indian nationalism represents the amalgamation of various political, social, religious, and ethnic influences that shape the collective consciousness of the nation. Throughout history, India has experienced unification under different emperors and governments, including the Mughal Empire and the British Raj. Chaman Nahal, a prominent literary figure, strategically employs nationalism infused with historical contexts to achieve multifaceted objectives in his novels, notably in '*Azadi*.' This article explores Nahal's adept use of historical background, stylistic devices, and thematic exploration to depict nationalism as a vibrant and dynamic character in his literary works. Nahal's foray into the world of letters started with his exploration of creative writing during his college years. The socio-political ferment of the time, coupled with the fervor for independence, provided fertile ground for the emergence of writers who sought to articulate the aspirations and struggles of the masses. His creative imagination serves as a mirror reflecting the intricate realities of the Indian subcontinent during the mid-20th century. His works resonate with the ethos of the time, capturing the spirit of a newly independent India grappling with the challenges of nation-building, identity formation, and social reconstruction. Chaman Nahal's novel '*Azadi*' is a compelling exploration of the tumultuous period leading to India's independence in 1947. The narrative weaves together a tapestry of nationalism and historical realism, offering a vivid portrayal of the socio-political landscape during the freedom struggle. The story unfolds against the backdrop of the Quit India Movement, showcasing the fervor and sacrifices of individuals committed to the cause of independence. Central to the novel is the nuanced depiction of Gandhian ideology, with characters grappling with the ideals of non-violence, civil disobedience, and the moral imperatives of the independence movement. The novel delves into the complexities of nationalist aspirations, personal dilemmas, and the price individuals pay for their commitment to the larger cause of freedom.

Nahal skilfully intertwines the personal journeys of characters with the broader historical context, creating a rich narrative that reflects the diversity of experiences during this pivotal period.

Through meticulous storytelling, '*Azadi*' captures the spirit of the times and provides readers with a profound understanding of the human dimensions of the struggle for independence. His novels navigate the historical landscape of India's struggle for freedom and the partition, revealing his prowess as a historical novelist. The meticulous selection of three distinct phases in India's freedom struggle prevents the narrative from being cluttered with trivial details, providing a sense of fullness. Nahal introduces historical personages like Gandhi, Nehru, Bose, Jinnah, and others, showcasing his ability to weave fiction into historical events seamlessly. His literary canvas extends beyond the realm of the personal to the broader spectrum of societal and historical narratives. His narratives are a testimony to the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity, mirroring the collective struggles and triumphs of a nation finding its feet in the aftermath of colonial rule. Nahal's literary repertoire is diverse, encompassing novels, short stories, and critical essays. One of his notable works, '*Azadi*,' delves into the complexities of partition and its impact on the lives of ordinary individuals. The novel captures the trauma, displacement, and human cost of the partition, revealing Nahal's ability to weave together the personal and the political with poignant sensitivity.

In '*The Crown and the Loincloth*,' Nahal explores the life of Mahatma Gandhi, providing a nuanced portrayal that goes beyond hagiography. The novel reflects Nahal's commitment to presenting historical figures as complex individuals, navigating the intricacies of their personal and public lives. His exploration of the psychological nuances of characters, coupled with a keen understanding of the socio-political milieu, sets Nahal apart as a literary stalwart whose work transcends the boundaries of time and space. His creative contributions extend beyond the written word. As a literary critic, academic, and cultural commentator, he played a pivotal role in shaping the discourse around Indian literature. His engagement with the literary and cultural debates of his time enriched the intellectual landscape, providing valuable insights into the evolving identity of post-colonial India.

Nahal's legacy endures as a bridge between the past and the present. His writings serve as a historical archive, offering readers a glimpse into the complexities of India's journey from colonial subjugation to sovereign nationhood. As a true representative of his time, Nahal's works continue to resonate with contemporary readers, inviting reflection on the enduring themes of identity, nationhood, and the human condition. His celebrated work, '*Azadi*,' constituting the fourth installment of 'The Gandhi Quartet,' explores the partition of the Indian subcontinent into India and

Pakistan. The narrative delves into the idea that individuals are often victims of historical forces, with religion sometimes triggering disturbing brutality. Nahal posits that history represents the actual account, while fiction serves as a projection of how he wishes things could be. According to him, the study of history involves examining alternative choices available to a people at a particular time, but for a fiction writer, possibilities are limitless. Through creative imagination, a writer can alter aspects of reality that are beyond change. The novel also illustrates how the freedom India attains in '*Azadi*' transforms into a "false dawn of freedom" or a "wiped-out dream."

Chaman Nahal, akin to Malgonkar, Khushwant Singh, and Bhisham Sahni, refrains from assigning blame to any single individual for the tragedies following the partition. '*Azadi*,' more than other novels on India's partition, emphasizes the profound significance of human life, offering a holistic perspective. According to S. Venkata Reddy, the novel conveys the idea that man is a victim of historical forces, yet it incorporates a note of hope and affirmation of life. Beneath the irony of historical drama, Nahal's positive attitude shines through, portraying the futility of hatred and the triumph of love.

Nahal, who believes that a writer cannot change society but can affirm life, approached Partition with the same spirit reflected in his fictional characters. He created characters that could confront their contradictions and forge ahead. The nationwide struggle for Indian Independence, spanning almost a century, necessitated the nation to overcome centuries-old lethargy, religious, caste, and provincial differences to progress. This transformation became possible with the advent of the Gandhian movement, which disrupted established political and social norms, introducing fresh ideas and methods.

In Nahal's earlier years, he held the belief that Mahatma Gandhi was responsible for Partition and its ensuing suffering. However, an encounter with Gandhi himself during a prayer meeting at Birla House in 1947 changed his perspective. Gandhi shared insights about facing threats to one's integrity with inner strength. This encounter profoundly influenced Nahal, leading him to write the four novels comprising 'The Gandhi Quartet': '*The Crown and the Loincloth*,' '*The Salt of Life*,' '*The Triumph of the Tricolour*,' and '*Azadi*.' Chaman Nahal stands as a noteworthy literary figure whose works delve into the profound intricacies of life during the Gandhian era. This article explores Nahal's significant novels, each offering a unique perspective on historical events and societal dynamics, showcasing his literary prowess. In '*Azadi*,' Nahal employs native Hindi words and Punjabi swear words, adding a touch of nativity and

employing contrast to enhance the narrative. The use of both telling and dramatic methods in character delineation showcases Nahal's narrative versatility. In his debut novel, '*My True Faces*' (1973), Nahal skilfully navigates the complexities of marital discord, portraying the conflict between Kamal and Malti. '*Azadi*' (1975), a recipient of the Sahitya Akademi award in 1977, emerges as a comprehensive fictional narrative of the partition holocaust, making it a pivotal work in Indian literature. The theme of cosmopolitanism and international fraternity takes center stage in '*Into Another Dawn*' (1977), offering a lens into Nahal's exploration of global perspectives. '*The English Queens*' (1979) satirically scrutinizes the affectations and moralities of anglicized Indians, showcasing Nahal's keen social commentary.

'*The Crown and the Loincloth*' (1981) serves as a forceful recollection of the non-violent non-cooperation movement during 1920-22, providing a historical anchor to Nahal's literary repertoire. '*Sunrise in Fiji*' (1988) reintroduces the quest motif, adding a layer of complexity to Nahal's exploration of human journeys. '*The Salt of Life*' (1990), stands out as a remarkable historical novel that seamlessly blended fact and fiction to represent the vast canvas of the Indian freedom struggle. '*The Triumph of the Tricolor*' (1993) delves into the third and final phase of the Indian freedom struggle, focusing on the Quit India movement.

In '*Azadi*,' the concept of freedom, while liberating people from alien rule, paradoxically results in the loss of the ability to communicate in private life due to the partition's havoc. Nahal's affirmations, however, assure readers that suffering, pain, and deaths serve as a prelude to a new life filled with hope. The meticulous arrangement of events, character interactions, and the emphasis on causality demonstrate Nahal's adeptness in constructing well-knit plots. The novel's division into three parts—'The Lull,' 'The Storm,' and 'The Aftermath'—underscores Nahal's skill in architectonics, each title carrying profound psychological significance.

Nahal excels in character delineation within '*Azadi*.' Critics, such as N. Radhakrishnan, commend Nahal's mature artistry, noting his impartiality, absence of blame, and earnest study of people caught in communal frenzy. Distinctively, Nahal avoids exoticism in his portrayal of India, vividly presenting actual towns like Delhi and Sialkot, providing readers with a genuine insight into middle-class life. His viewpoint, while describing events, centres on the essential nature of humanity. He adeptly portrays both the weaknesses and strengths of individuals, capturing the spectrum of human emotions from hatred to spontaneous compassion. His novels provide a realistic account

of both political and social aspects of India, avoiding mere historical documentation.

'*Azadi*' stands out as a pinnacle in Indian-English novels about the traumatic partition accompanying Independence in 1947. Nahal's portrayal of Mahatma Gandhi in '*The Crown and the Loincloth*' and '*The Salt of Life*' breaks new ground, depicting him as a complex character with human failings. In '*The English Queens*,' Nahal adopts the comic mode to address the tendency of the educated elite in India to mimic the West.

Nahal's philosophy reflects a belief that suffering, pain, and death serve as a prelude to a new life filled with hope and arbitration. His close study of feminine psychology in modern India reveals the impact of cultural confusion on national identity. Nahal consistently aligns with India's cultural authenticity against the influence of the Western breeze. Nahal skilfully explores Gandhian ideology rooted in eternal human values, addressing contemporary issues like unsociability, religious harmony, rural poverty, and the status of women. His portrayal challenges the archetypal image of women in patriarchal society, highlighting a unique sense of solidarity among Indians in pre-partition days. Mohan Jha interprets '*Azadi*' as a plea for the realization and assertion of identity in a world that often pushes individuals into anonymity. Despite the challenges presented, Nahal's protagonist regains courage and quiet strength, realizing that freedom, regardless of the price, brings an unparalleled sense of being "unrestricted" and "untrammelled." Chaman Nahal's literary maturity shines through his multifaceted exploration of Gandhian life, offering readers a nuanced understanding of historical events and the complex tapestry of human experiences during a transformative period in India's history.

Chaman Nahal, recognized as a discerning chronicler of the Gandhian age, stands out as a literary luminary whose works traverse the complexities of Indian life during pivotal historical moments. This academic article delves into the thematic richness and narrative intricacies of selected novels by Nahal, offering an in-depth analysis of his contribution to Indian literature. Nahal's literary oeuvre is characterized by a keen sensitivity to the nuances of the Gandhian era. Let's examine the thematic diversity present in his novels, shedding light on his exploration of marital discord, historical events, cosmopolitanism, and the repercussions of India's partition. In '*My True Faces*' (1973), Nahal's debut novel navigates the tumultuous waters of marital discord between Kamal and Malti, showcasing his early prowess in probing personal relationships. Nahal employs stylistic devices such as contrast and conflict, presenting nationalism as a dynamic character shaped by creative imagination. His novels become a live representation of the historical panorama,

avoiding exoticism and portraying the actual towns of Delhi and Sialkot with vivid detail. The utilization of contrast and conflict underscores Nahal's literary finesse, making his novels a captivating exploration of India's political and social landscape.

In '*Azadi*' (1975), a Sahitya Akademi award-winning masterpiece, '*Azadi*' offers a comprehensive fictional account of the partition holocaust. The article explores how Nahal portrays the duality of freedom — liberation from alien rule yet entailing the loss of communication in private life. Moreover, the historical novel '*The Salt of Life*' (1990), intricately weaves fact and fiction, presenting a vast canvas of the Indian freedom struggle. The analysis delves into Nahal's ability to construct a well-knit plot and his affirmation that suffering is a prelude to a hopeful new life. Focusing on the Quit India movement, the novel '*The Triumph of the Tricolor*' (1993) represents the third and final phase of the Indian freedom struggle. The article explores how Nahal continues to depict historical events with his signature architectonic skill.

Nahal's proficiency in architectonics is evident in the division of the plot into distinct parts—'The Lull,' 'The Storm,' and 'The Aftermath.' Each title carries psychological significance, showcasing Nahal's adeptness in constructing a narrative sequence that captures the complexities of historical events. Character delineation in '*Azadi*' is hailed as Nahal's artistic zenith. As, N. Radhakrishnan observes Nahal's mature artistry, portraying characters caught in the whirlwind of communal frenzy with nuance and empathy.

Chaman Nahal's novels stand as a testament to his artistic mastery, unraveling the complexities of Indian nationalism through historical contexts, stylistic devices, and thematic exploration. His ability to seamlessly blend fact and fiction, presenting a nuanced perspective on national identity, reaffirms his position as a true representative of his time on the Indian literary panorama. Nahal's work contributes significantly to the understanding of India's historical and social fabric, making his novels enduring reflections on the multifaceted nature of Indian nationalism. His literary contribution extends beyond mere storytelling; it serves as a nuanced reflection of India's intricate socio-political fabric. This article aims to contribute to the academic discourse on Nahal's significance in Indian literature, emphasizing his exploration of diverse themes and his skillful narrative craftsmanship. Nahal's distinction lies in his avoidance of exoticism in portraying India. The article highlights his vivid depiction of actual towns like Delhi and Sialkot, providing readers with an authentic glimpse into middle-class life in India.

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Assesment of Physicochemical properties of paddy field water samples from Bramhapuri taluka, District Chandrapur (MS)

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Abstract:

Paddy field study site located in Bramhapuri taluka in the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra. Paddy field water samples were collected in polythene bottles once in month from the selected sampling sites to analyze the water quality parameters for the kharif and rabi season. Variations in physico-chemical parameters, such as temperature, pH, Turbidity, Electric conductivity, TDS, TSS, Total Alkalinity, Total Hardness, DO, C.O.D., BOD, Chloride, Sulphate, Nitrate, Nitrite, PO₄ and Iron etc was analyzed. The present paper highlights the condition of the paddy water in Kharif and Rabi season with respect to the parameters mentioned above.

Keyword: Physicochemical parameters, Bramhapuri, Paddy field water, TDS, TSS

Introduction:

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is one of the first leading ancient (3,000 BC) cultivated crops of the world. 90% Production of rice is from Asian continent. Rice mainly grow well in highly irrigated condition, during „Kharif“ season; but if irrigation facilities are available then cultivated in „Rabbi“ season also. Paddy is cultivated as staple food for Indian people in an area over 80 million acre in India. Maharashtra state is in second rank for rice cultivation. Bramhapuri is one of the six divisions located in the northeastern part of Chandrapur District, Maharashtra at 20.36° N and 79.51° E and it extends over an area 814.75 Km². Average rainfall of the taluka is 15,000mm with the maximum temperature is 45°C in summer and it is about 10°C in winter. In Bramhapuri taluka there is one biggest river Wainganga flow from north to southern part of Taluka and lakes are also present. The aquatic flora is dominant in this water body. The total forest area found in taluka is 364.24 Km² and the total crop

area is 294.23 Km². The vegetative cultivation is also taken and total vegetable area is 0.82 Km². Rice is mainly cultivate in rainy season from July to October and irrigation system is available from river Wainganga, lakes and tube wells etc.

Materials and Methods

Collection of water sample

Water samples for Physico – chemical analysis were collected from five different sites of paddy fields in Bramhapuri taluka from July 2021 to December 2021 and from January 2022 to June 2022. Water samples were collected in two litres plastic bottles, in morning hours. The analysis of temperature, pH and dissolved oxygen was done on field, and remaining parameters were analysed in the laboratory. The samples were preserved by refrigeration at 4°C, which is most generally accepted method. For analysing the various parameters method given in APHA(1975) were followed.

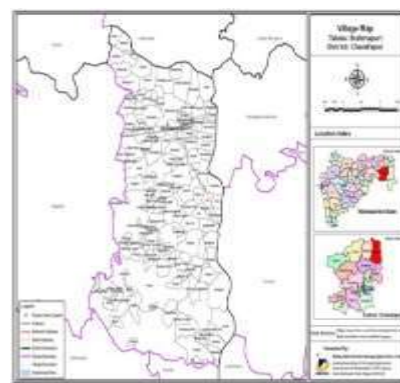


fig 1. Geographic distribution of collection location of algae within the selected rice field area of Bramhapuri Taluka



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Selection of sampling stations: Five sites were selected for analysis of water. Site-S1-Surbodi area (20.620831⁰, 79.921347⁰) ; Site-S2-Kurza area (20.640157⁰, 79.863213⁰) ; Site-S3-Bondegaon area

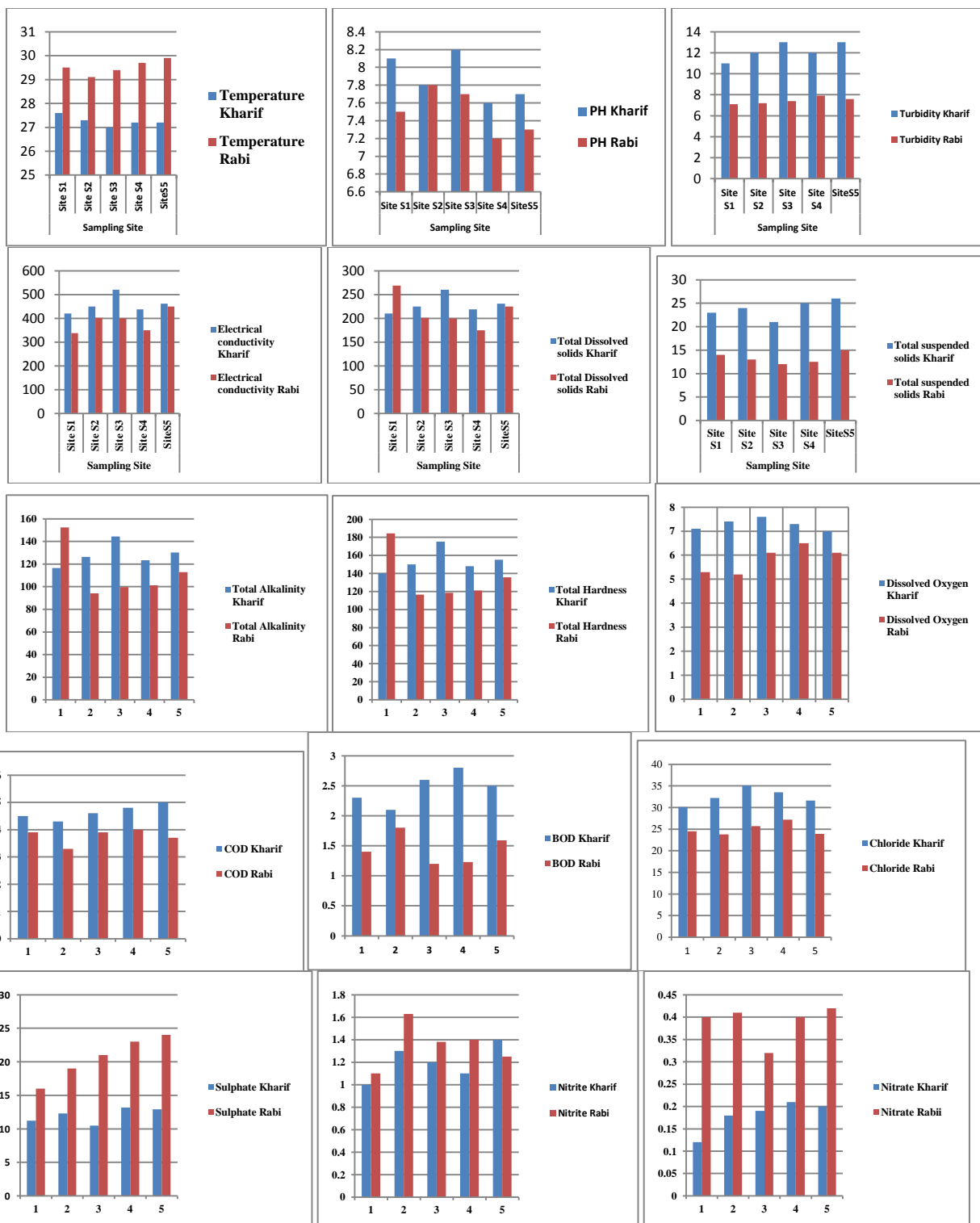
(20.634808⁰, 79.854036⁰) Site-S4-Kahali area (20.638532⁰, 79.866527⁰) ; Site-S5-Khandala area (20.642493⁰, 79.853756⁰)

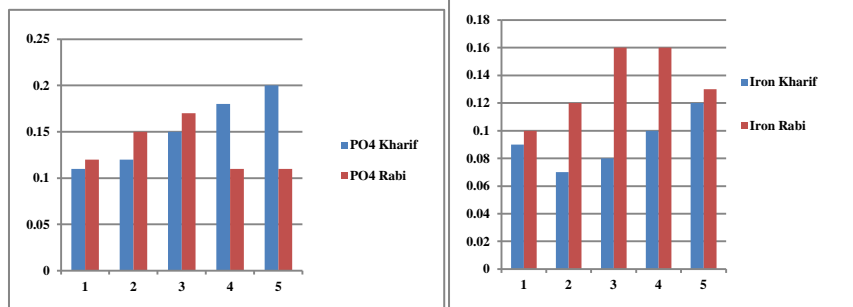
Table 1: Physicochemical Parameter study of Paddy field water of Bramhapuri taluka (2021-2022)

Parameter	Crop Season	Sampling Site				
		Site S1	Site S2	Site S3	Site S4	SiteS5
Temperature	Kharif	27.6	27.3	27.0	27.2	27.2
	Rabii	29.5	29.1	29.4	29.7	29.9
PH	Kharif	8.1	7.8	8.2	7.6	7.7
	Rabii	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.2	7.3
Turbidity	Kharif	11	12	13	12	13
	Rabii	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.9	7.6
Electrical conductivity	Kharif	420	450	520	438	462
	Rabii	338	402	400	350	450
Total Dissolved solids	Kharif	210	225	260	219	231
	Rabii	269	201	200	175	225
Total suspended solids	Kharif	23	24	21	25	26
	Rabii	14.0	13.0	12.0	12.5	15.0
Total Alkalinity	Kharif	116.6	126.3	144.4	123.5	130.3
	Rabii	152.3	94.2	99.7	101.3	112.9
Total Hardness	Kharif	140	150.2	175.3	148.2	155.2
	Rabii	184.4	116.7	118.5	121.2	135.8
Dissolved Oxygen	Kharif	7.1	7.4	7.6	7.3	7
	Rabii	5.3	5.2	6.1	6.5	6.1
COD	Kharif	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.8	5
	Rabii	3.9	3.3	3.9	4.0	3.7
BOD	Kharif	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.8	2.5
	Rabii	1.4	1.8	1.2	1.23	1.59
Chloride	Kharif	30.1	32.2	35.1	33.5	31.6
	Rabii	24.5	23.8	25.7	27.2	23.9
Sulphate	Kharif	11.2	12.3	10.5	13.2	12.9
	Rabii	16.00	19.00	21.00	23.0	24.00
Nitrate	Kharif	0.12	0.18	0.19	0.21	0.2

	Rabii	0.4	0.41	0.32	0.4	0.42
Nitrite	Kharif	1	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.4
	Rabii	1.1	1.63	1.38	1.4	1.25
PO4	Kharif	0.11	0.12	0.15	0.18	0.2
	Rabii	0.12	0.15	0.17	0.11	0.11
Iron	Kharif	0.09	0.07	0.08	0.1	0.12
	Rabii	0.10	0.12	0.16	0.16	0.13

All values are exposed in mg/L except Temperature, pH, conductivity





Discussion:

Physicochemical parameters are considered as one of the most important factors that are capable of influencing the aquatic environment and have shown wide temporal differences. The physicochemical parameters for different paddy field sites are presented in table 1.

Temperature: is one of the controlling factor which alter the functions of the aquatic ecosystem, and it influence the growth and distribution of flora and fauna (Dwivedi and Pandey 2002; Singh and Mathur 2005; Jalal and Sanalkumar 2012; Tank and Chippa 2013). In kharif season the Temperature was ranged from 27 to 27.6 °C with this minimum and maximum being recorded in station Site S3 and Site S1 and in rabi season the Temperature was ranged from 29.1 to 29.9 °C with this minimum and maximum being recorded in station Site S2 and Site S5.

pH: which regulates the acidic and basic characteristics is a vital property of any aquatic ecosystem since all the biochemical functions and retention of physicochemical attributes of the water are depend on pH of the surrounding environment (Jalal and Sanalkumar 2013). Most of the similar studies states that water samples are slightly alkaline (Tank and Chippa 2013; Gopalkrushna 2011; Verma et.al. 2012). It can be toxic when it is more than desirable limit (Klontz 1993). In the present study during the kharif season the pH was ranged 7.6 to 8.1 with lowest and highest being recorded in station S4 and S3. and in rabi season the pH was ranged 7.2 to 7.8 with lowest and highest being recorded in station S4 and S2.

Turbidity: Turbidity is the expression of optical property by which light is scattered by the colloidal particles present in the water. Phytoplankton, microscopic organisms, clay and other organic matter make water turbid (Das and Shrivastawa 2003). In the present study during the kharif season the minimum and maximum concentration was recorded in station S1 i.e 11 and in station S3 and S5 i.e 13. and during the rabi season the minimum and maximum concentration was recorded in station S1 i.e 7.1 and in station S4 i.e 7.9.

Electrical conductivity: It is the measure of the ability of an aqueous solution to transmit an electric current in the aquatic environment (Lodh et.al. 2014). During kharif season it was recorded

lowest of 420 ms/cm in station S1 and highest of 520 ms/cm in station S3. During rabi season it was recorded lowest of 350 ms/cm in station S4 and highest of 450 ms/cm in station S5.

Total dissolved solids: TDS are the materials dissolved in water like bicarbonate, sulphate, phosphatenitrate, calcium, magnesium, sodium and organic ions. In the present study during kharif season TDS ranged from 210 to 260 ms/cm with the minimum in station S1 and maximum in station S3 and during rabi season TDS ranged from 175 to 269 ms/cm with the minimum in station S4 and maximum in station S1.

Total suspended solids: In the present study during kharif season TSS ranged from 21 to 26 ms/cm with the minimum in station S3 and maximum in station S5. and during rabi season TSS ranged from 12.0 to 15.0 ms/cm with the minimum in station S3 and maximum in station S5.

Total Alkalinity: Alkalinity is significant in many uses and treatments of natural waters and wastewaters. In the present study during kharif season total alkalinity ranged from 116.6 to 144.4 ms/cm with the minimum in station S1 and maximum in station S3. and during rabi season Total alkalinity ranged from 94.2 to 152.3 ms/cm with the minimum in station S2 and maximum in station S1.

Total Hardness: Total Hardness is the sum of the calcium and magnesium concentrations. In the present study during kharif season total hardness ranged from 140 to 175.3 mg/L with the minimum in station S1 and maximum in station S5. and during rabi season Total Hardness ranged from 116.7 to 184.4 mg/L with the minimum in station S2 and maximum in station S1.

Dissolved Oxygen: DO regulates that health of the ecosystems refers to the volume of oxygen present in the water body. It is important water quality parameters to maintain because of its significant biological and physicochemical property of surrounding water. The DO level indicates the degree of pollution in the water bodies (Gopalkrushna 2011). In the present study during kharif season the minimum DO was 7 and maximum 7.6 mg/l and during rabi season the minimum DO was 5.2 and maximum was 6.5 mg/l.

COD: Chemical oxygen demand may be defined as the amount of oxygen required by the organic matter present in the water for its oxidation by strong chemical oxidant. The minimum value 4.3 mg/L

was observed at station S2 and Maximum value 5mg/L was observed at station S5 during Kharif season and during rabi season the minimum value 3.3 mg/L was observed at station S2 and Maximum value 4.0 mg/L was observed at station S4.

BOD: BOD is an important parameter that indicates water pollution by oxidisable organic matter. In the present study the minimum value 2.1 mg/L was observed at station S2 and Maximum value 2.6mg/L was observed at station S3 during Kharif season and during rabi season the minimum value 1.2 mg/L was observed at station S3 and Maximum value 1.59 mg/L was observed at station S5.

Chloride: Generally unpolluted water contains low concentration of chloride lower than 10mg/L. In the present study the minimum value of chloride 30.1 mg/L was observed at station S1 and Maximum value 35.1 mg/L was observed at station S3 during Kharif season and during rabi season the minimum value 23.8 mg/L was observed at station S2 and Maximum value 27.2 mg/L was observed at station S4.

Sulphate: In the present study the concentration of sulphate during kharif season ranges from 10.5 to 13.2 mg/L with minimum value was observed at station S3 and maximum value was observed at station S4 and during rabi season sulphate level ranges from 16.00 to 24.00 mg/L with minimum value was observed at station S1 and maximum value was observed at station S5.

Nitrate: In the present study the concentration of nitrate during kharif season ranges from 0.12 to 0.21mg/L with minimum value was observed at station S1 and maximum value was observed at station S4 and during rabi season nitrate level ranges from 0.32 to 0.42 mg/L with minimum value was observed at station S3 and maximum value was observed at station S5.

Nitrite: In the present study the concentration of nitrite during kharif season ranges from 1 to 1.4mg/L with minimum value was observed at station S1 and maximum value was observed at station S5 and during rabi season nitrite level ranges from 1.1 to 1.63 mg/L with minimum value was observed at station S1 and maximum value was observed at station S2.

PO₄: In the present study the concentration of phosphate during kharif season ranges from 0.11 to 0.2mg/L with minimum value was observed at station S1 and maximum value was observed at station S5 and during rabi season phosphate level ranges from 0.11 to 0.17 mg/L with minimum value was observed at station S3 and S4 and maximum value was observed at station S3.

Iron: In the present study the concentration of iron during kharif season ranges from 0.07 to 0.12mg/L with minimum value was observed at station S2 and maximum value was observed at station S5 and during rabi season iron level ranges from 0.10 to

0.16 mg/L with minimum value was observed at station S1 and maximum value was observed at station S3 and S4.

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Nanoparticle-Based Sensors for Monitoring Algal Biofuel Production – A Review

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Abstract:

Green algae show promise for sustainable biofuel production, but challenges in optimization stem from dynamic cultivation influenced by factors like light, nutrients, pH, and temperature. Traditional monitoring lacks real-time capabilities, hindering prompt responses. This research explores nanoparticle-based sensors for real-time monitoring in algae cultivation, aiming to enhance biofuel production.

Keywords: Nanoparticle-based sensors, Algal biofuel production, Real-time monitoring, Integration into biorefineries, Responsible nanotechnology practices.

Introduction:

Green algae are promising candidates for sustainable biofuel production due to their high lipid content and adaptable growth in various environments. Their carbon dioxide sequestration during photosynthesis contributes to environmental sustainability. However, challenges in optimizing biofuel production arise from dynamic algal cultivation influenced by factors like light intensity, nutrient levels, pH, and temperature. Fluctuations in biomass productivity and biofuel precursor accumulation result from green algae's varied responses to environmental changes. Traditional monitoring methods lack real-time capabilities, impeding prompt responses and optimization. Nanoparticle-based sensors exploit unique nanoparticle properties, offering high sensitivity, specificity, and real-time data. Their integration into algal cultivation systems can revolutionize monitoring and optimization processes, addressing the drawbacks of conventional techniques. This research focuses on exploring nanoparticle-based sensors for real-time monitoring in green algae cultivation, aiming to enhance biofuel production efficiency and overcome challenges associated with traditional methods.

Background:

In the context of algal biofuel production, conventional monitoring methods, such as gravimetric or optical density measurements for biomass quantification and solvent extraction

techniques for lipid content analysis, present significant limitations. These methods involve time-consuming procedures, invasive sampling, and lack the temporal resolution required for capturing rapid changes in algal growth and environmental parameters. Nanotechnology emerges as a promising solution, offering nanoparticle-based sensors that provide higher sensitivity, real-time monitoring, and the capability to simultaneously track multiple parameters. This technology enables seamless integration into algal bioreactors, facilitating continuous and non-invasive monitoring without disrupting the cultivation environment. By addressing the drawbacks of traditional techniques, nanoparticle-based sensors in algal biofuel production hold the potential to revolutionize monitoring processes and enhance overall efficiency.

Nanoscale Sensors in Algal Biofuel Production:

Principles of Nanoparticle-Based Sensors:

Nanoscale sensors play a pivotal role in advancing algal biofuel production by leveraging unique principles inherent in various nanoparticles. Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR), exhibited by metal nanoparticles like gold or silver, introduces a distinctive optical property causing changes in absorbance or scattering in the presence of analytes. This principle ensures enhanced sensitivity, enabling the detection of minute environmental changes critical for monitoring algal cultivation dynamics. Quantum Dot Fluorescence, based on

semiconductor nanoparticles, relies on size-dependent emission, providing versatility in designing sensors for specific applications. The tunable emission properties of quantum dots enable precise detection and measurement of target substance concentrations, contributing to the comprehensive monitoring of algal biofuel production. Magnetic Nanoparticles, such as iron oxide, utilize external magnetic fields for sensing, showcasing their potential, which extends to applications like Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in medical diagnostics.

Types of Nanoparticles and Examples in Other Fields:

Nanoparticles employed in sensing applications include various categories such as Metal Nanoparticles (e.g., Gold and Silver), Semiconductor Nanoparticles (Quantum Dots like CdSe, CdTe, and InP), Magnetic Nanoparticles (particularly Iron Oxide), and Carbon-Based Nanomaterials (such as Carbon Nanotubes and Graphene Nanosheets). In the biomedical field, Gold Nanoparticle-Based Biosensors demonstrate high sensitivity in detecting biomolecules and pathogens, while Magnetic Nanoparticles find application in MRI Contrast Agents, enhancing imaging capabilities.

Design and Fabrication of Nanoparticle-Based Algal Sensors

Design and Fabrication of Nanoparticle-Based Algal Sensors:

Efficient monitoring in algal biofuel production involves a systematic approach to designing and fabricating nanoparticle-based sensors. The initial phase focuses on Target Analyte and Sensing Mechanism Selection, emphasizing the identification of specific parameters like nutrient levels or pH for monitoring. Tailoring nanoparticle characteristics, such as size and shape, ensures optimal interaction with target analytes, complemented by surface functionalization with ligands or biomolecules for enhanced specificity. Integration with Algal Bioreactors emphasizes compatibility and the design of non-invasive sensors for real-time monitoring without disrupting cultivation processes. The subsequent Fabrication Techniques and Methodologies involve controlled synthesis of nanoparticles through chemical or physical methods, their assembly into composite materials, and integration with transducers for signal readout.

Applications and Case Studies; Discussion of Results and Insights:

Two case studies illustrate the practical application of nanoparticle-based sensors in algal biofuel production. The first case study explores Nutrient Monitoring Using Gold Nanoparticle-Based Sensors, delving into sensor design considerations and methodology. Results showcase the sensor's high sensitivity in real-time monitoring of nutrient variations. The second case study focuses on pH Sensing with Quantum Dot Nanosensors, detailing sensor design and integration into algal bioreactors. Findings highlight the advantages of real-time pH monitoring. The subsequent discussion compares the enhanced temporal resolution of nanoparticle-based sensors with traditional methods and emphasizes insights into dynamic algal growth. Multiparameter sensing is compared with single-parameter monitoring, underlining the comprehensive understanding provided by simultaneous monitoring. A quantitative assessment demonstrates the superior accuracy and precision of nanoparticle-based sensors compared to traditional methods. Practicality and integration into Algal Biorefineries are evaluated, considering factors like ease of integration, maintenance, cost-effectiveness, and scalability. The exploration of scalability and potential industry adoption underscores the future implications of nanoparticle-based sensors for large-scale algal biofuel production.

Challenges and Future Directions:

The integration of nanoparticle-based sensors into algal biofuel production is not without challenges. Biocompatibility and toxicity concerns raise questions about the potential impact on algal health and biofuel production. Long-term stability poses a challenge, necessitating strategies to address issues like aggregation or degradation that may compromise continuous monitoring reliability.

Suggestions and Emerging Trends:

To overcome these challenges, a proactive approach involves designing biocompatible nanoparticles with rigorous testing protocols to assess their impact on algal health. Stabilization strategies, including the use of encapsulation techniques and stabilizing agents, aim to enhance the long-term stability of nanoparticles. The integration of smart sensing technologies, coupled with machine learning algorithms, offers a solution to minimize interference and improve measurement specificity. Looking ahead, emerging trends indicate advancements in nanomaterial diversity and the

exploration of newer nanotechnologies like 2D materials or nano-bio hybrids to address limitations and enhance sensor performance. The trend toward miniaturization and the development of nanoscale devices for on-site monitoring, such as lab-on-a-chip technologies, presents opportunities for compact and portable sensor systems. Cross-disciplinary collaboration, particularly with synthetic biology or data science, is anticipated to further enhance sensor capabilities, potentially leading to the establishment of interdisciplinary research centers at the intersection of nanotechnology and algal biofuel production.

Integration with Algal Biorefineries:

Efficient integration of nanoparticle-based sensors into algal biorefineries involves strategic placement within bioreactors to ensure representative measurements and seamless integration into existing monitoring systems. Optimal sensor placement strategies should be explored, and wireless communication can facilitate real-time data transmission to control centers. Establishing feedback loops based on sensor data allows for automated adjustments to cultivation conditions, enhancing overall control and efficiency. The integration of nanoparticle sensor arrays supports multiparameter monitoring, and data fusion techniques enable a holistic view of the biorefinery's processes.

Environmental and Safety Considerations

A. Environmental and Safety Concerns Associated with Nanoparticle Use:

1. Nanoparticle Dispersal and Environmental Impact: a. Concern: Address potential nanoparticle dispersal into the environment during production, use, or disposal phases. b. Ecotoxicity and Bioaccumulation: Examine ecotoxicity and bioaccumulation of nanoparticles in aquatic ecosystems, especially in areas with algal biofuel production.
2. Health and Safety Risks to Workers: a. Concern: Evaluate risks associated with occupational exposure to nanoparticles during manufacturing, handling, and maintenance of nanoparticle-based sensors. b. Respiratory and Dermal Exposure: Discuss potential exposure routes and associated health risks for workers.

B. Mitigation Strategies and Responsible Nanotechnology Practices:

1. Nanoparticle Stabilization and Containment: a. Stabilization Techniques: Discuss techniques for stabilizing nanoparticles during fabrication to minimize dispersion. b. Containment Measures: Explore measures and engineering

controls to prevent unintended nanoparticle release during sensor production and use.

2. Biodegradable Nanoparticles and Lifecycle Considerations: a. Biodegradability: Explore the use of biodegradable nanoparticles or coatings to mitigate environmental persistence. b. Lifecycle Assessment: Discuss the importance of conducting a lifecycle assessment to evaluate the environmental footprint of nanoparticle-based sensors.

Conclusion:

A. Key Findings and Contributions:

1. Advancements in Monitoring Technology: Nanoparticle-based sensors contribute significantly to algal biofuel production by enabling real-time monitoring and offering multiparameter sensing, overcoming limitations of traditional methods.
2. Improved Precision and Sensitivity: These sensors provide enhanced precision and increased sensitivity, ensuring accurate measurements in complex cultivation environments, particularly for nutrient levels, pH, and biomass density.

B. Recap of Nanoparticle-Based Sensors in Advancing Algal Biofuel Production:

1. Optimization of Biofuel Precursor Accumulation: Nanoparticle-based sensors play a crucial role in dynamic cultivation strategies, optimizing nutrient dosages and light conditions to enhance biofuel production efficiency through feedback-driven growth optimization.
2. Scalability and Integration into Biorefineries: Strategies for scalable fabrication ensure practical application in large-scale biorefineries, with sensors integrating seamlessly into existing setups, providing insights without disrupting cultivation processes.

C. Call for Further Research and Development:

1. Addressing Challenges: Further research is needed for in-depth biocompatibility studies in algal cultivation environments and assessments to understand the long-term environmental impact of nanoparticle use.
2. Innovation in Nanosensor Design: Exploration of next-generation materials and research on integrating AI and ML for sophisticated data analysis in smart sensing technologies is crucial for continuous improvement.
3. Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration: Collaborative efforts, particularly in integrating synthetic biology and engaging with policymakers for responsible nanoparticle sensor use in biofuel production, are essential for the development of innovative and sustainable approaches.

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Problems of Agriculture Labour in India

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Abstract:

In India Agricultural Labors faces many problems. Agricultural labours are most neglected class in Indian rural society. In Indian society agricultural workers called by farmers, who works on the land of others on wages. Often they are not in a position to earn just enough to keep their family with better living and working condition. There is also problem of unemployment and irregular employment. Because of that they have neither private nor social security. Being unorganized they do not have any organization to see better working condition. This research paper includes problems of agricultural labours, Government policy and suggestion for improvement of the agricultural labour conditions.

Keywords: Agriculture, labours, society, unorganized sector, government measures, minimum wage etc.

Introduction:

Agriculture is the backbone of Indian economy. The distinguishing feature of rural economy of India has been the growth of agriculture labour in the crop production. The income level is very low in the workers of this field. Agriculture labours lack of alternative employment due to lack of education and others training programmes related to agriculture. There is also lack of skill in Indian farmers. The phenomena of underemployment and under-development population are visible amongst agricultural labourers. Agricultural labours can statute the most neglected class in Indian rural sector and are highly unorganized.

Objective of the Study:

- 1) To understand the features of Indian Agriculture labour.
- 2) To Study the Problems of labour working in the agriculture
- 3) To Study the economic condition of Agricultural labour
- 4) To recommended the future plan regarding the Indian agriculture.

Methodology:

1. Secondary Data:

The method of using secondary data consisting of books, journals, libraries, etc. has been used. The relevant material is collected from the secondary sources. Materials and information are collected by legal sources like books on Agriculture. Materials are also collected from print and electronic media.

2. Quantitative methodology:

It's a rational method, structured and predetermined set of procedures to set aims for validity of findings. For e.g. research topic is 'Socio-economic condition of Katkari tribal community' and main theme is to describe what is prevalent. In this method researcher collect information from less no of peoples.

3. Qualitative methodology:

It's an open, flexible and unstructured method to enquiry, focusing on description and narration of feelings and experiences rather than actual survey. In this method researcher collect information on multiple issues, but failed to collect actual information.

Agriculture Labour Concept:

- 1) Agriculture labour may be defined as labour who works in agriculture or related activities for the whole or part of the year in return for full-time or part time work. The agriculture labourer has no risk in the cultivation, and no right of lease or contract on land but merely works on another person's land for wages. The definition includes workers who are engaged in other agro- based occupation such as dairy farming, horticulture, poultry etc.
- 2) Agriculture labour work as the household whose main source of income is derived as wages for working on farms of others

Classification of Agriculture Labour:

Agriculture labourers can be classified into two broad categories

1. Landless Agricultural Laboures
- (i) Permanent Labourers

(ii) Temporary or Casual Labourers

2. Small farmers

(i) Cultivators

(ii) Share croppers

Problems of Agriculture Labour:

1. **Wages and Income-** -Agricultural wages and family incomes of agricultural workers are very low in India. With the advent of the Green Revolution, money wage rates started increasing. Currently labours are getting around Rs.150 to 200 per day in rural areas.

2. **Employment and Working Conditions-** For a substantial part of the year, they have to remain unemployed because there is no work on the farms and alternative. Sources of employment do not exist.

3. **Indebtedness-** In the absence of banking system in the rural areas and trial process of sanction by the commercial banks, farmers prefers to take loans from un institutional sources like moneylenders, landlords at the very high rate.

4. **Low Wages for women in Agricultural Labour-** Female agricultural workers are generally forced to work harder and paid less than their male counterparts.

5. **High Incidence of Child Labour-** Incidence of child labour is high in India and the estimated number varies from 17.5 million to 44 million. It is estimated that one-third of the child workers in Asia are in India.

6. **Increasing Agricultural Workers** -The Agricultural labourers increased from 28 percent in 1951 to 40 percent in 1991. These facts indicate the fast pace of casualization of workforce in agriculture in India

Data Collection:

1. Field visit: Before monsoon and after monsoon period is best for field survey and field visit.

2. Primary data: There has been some primary based input through personal interview with questionnaire.

3. Secondary data: This data is collected from newspaper, website, periodicals, magazines, books etc. Various article published by scholars and government agencies are used to collect information.

Suggestions:

1. **Barren Land-**It has always been the effort of the government that whatever additional land is available, it be distributed among the landless. The government has also made efforts to distribute the barren land after making it usable or fertile to these agricultural labour.

2. **Agro-based industries in villages-**Village industrialization have been given specific importance during the planning period. The object of this program is to reduce the dependency on agriculture and revive the cottage and small industries in villages.

3. **Education-**To solve the various problems and difficulties agricultural labour education should be encouraged, so that they can restrict the exploitation of landowner

4. **Labour Co-operative society-**To improve the conditions of agricultural labour the expansion of labour cooperative societies is being encouraged, but more development is necessary.

5. **Relaxation-**The working conditions of agricultural labourer should be improved. They should be provided rests and vacations.

6. **Working Hours-**Similar, to the industrial labourers, the working hours of agricultural labourers should also be fixed. Additional wage payment system should be there on working for more than the fixed time.

7. **Exploitation-**The Indian constitution has declared Agricultural slavery as crime, so that agricultural labourers are not exploited. Its strict compliance is necessary.

8. **Organizations** – In India few organizations fighting for the farmers rights, Like Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghtana, Shetkari Kamgar Paksh. These organizations fighting for the agriculture labours and safeguards their rights.

9. **Minimum Wage Act-**Every labour has a right to minimum wages for their work. Government also implements the minimum wages act. The Minimum Wage Act of 1948 has also been implemented on agricultural labourers.

Conclusion:

In order to guarantee sustainable agricultural development in the new millennium, rural workers and their families should have access to adequate working and living conditions, health and welfare. An adequate balance between agricultural growth and the protection of the environment is also crucial for the future of the world's food production and for its sustainability. Occupational health in agriculture must be integrated into a rural development policy with a well-defined strategy. It should place an emphasis on prevention and environmental protection to be consistent with current trends and should be addressed both at national and international levels.

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Dielectric Properties and Emissivity Estimation for Eucalyptus Citriodora Tree Leaves at X-Band Microwave Frequencies

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Abstract:

The study presents the data on complex dielectric constant, emissivity of Eucalyptus citriodora tree species leaves at X-band microwave frequencies (9.63GHz, 10.63GHz and 11.63GHz). Wave guide cell method has been used for measuring dielectric constant and loss of tree leaves. The estimation of emissivity has been made using the measured values of dielectric constant. Emissivity of tree leaves is estimated by using emissivity model. For both, vertical and horizontal polarizations, at constant value of incident angle, emissivity of tree leaves is found to decrease significantly increase in the values of its gravimetric moisture content (MC %). Emissivity for tree leaves at same incident angle are greater for vertical polarization than for horizontal polarization. These reported results will be mainly useful for microwave remote sensing of vegetation canopy and also find uses in electronic communications.

Keywords: Complex permittivity, emissivity, microwave frequency, tree leaves.

Introduction

The dielectric properties of vegetation play a key role in the coupling between the electromagnetic properties of the vegetation canopy and its physical characteristics. The strength of interaction between microwave and a material is determined by the dielectric constant and is an important determination of emissivity of material. The dielectric constant of leaves of two tropical crops, namely rubber and oil palms, as a function of moisture content at X-band has been reported¹. Experimental results on complex dielectric constant and emissivity for leaves of different tree species at X- band microwave frequencies have been reported²⁻⁷.

Materials and Methods

Preparation of the tree leaves samples: Samples of leaves of Eucalyptus citriodora (Nilgiri) has been used in our experiments. These tree species selected lie within the small area covering about 1 km² in the

Dhule city. Dhule district comes under tropical zone and located in the northern region of Maharashtra state (India). Height of these tree species ranged between 8 to 20 meters. Initially, the newly plucked tree leaves are inserted into the solid dielectric cell and their dielectric constant is measured. Then the wet basis gravimetric moisture content (MC, %) of the tree leaves sample was gradually reduced by drying it in a hot air oven at 45° to 50° C. Moistures of leaves are varied from its natural to oven dry value.

Complex dielectric constant: The waveguide cell method is used to determine the dielectric properties of the tree leaves samples. An automated X-band microwave set-up in the TE₁₀ mode with Gunn source operating at frequencies 9.63 GHz, 10.63 GHz and 11.63 GHz PC-based slotted line control and data acquisition system is used for this purpose. It consists of Microcontroller (8051), ADC-12 Bit-MCP (3202) Visual based software.



Photograph of automated x-band microwave bench setup for measurement of dielectric constant of tree leaves.

The solid dielectric cell with this sample is connected to the opposite end of the source. The signal generated from the microwave source is allowed to incident on the tree leaves sample. The sample reflects part of the incident signal from its front surface. The reflected wave combined with incident wave to give a standing wave pattern. These standing wave patterns are then used in determining the values of shift in minima resulted due to before and after inserting the sample. The dielectric constant ϵ' and dielectric loss ϵ'' of the tree leaves are then determined from the following relations:

Dielectric constant (ϵ')

$$\epsilon' = \frac{g_{\epsilon} + (\lambda_{gs}/2a)^2}{1 + (\lambda_{gs}/2a)^2}$$

..... (1)

$$\epsilon'' = -\frac{\beta_{\epsilon}}{1 + (\lambda_{gs}/2a)^2}$$

..... (2)

Where, a = Inner width of rectangular waveguide.

λ_{gs} = wavelength in the air-filled guide.

g_{ϵ} = real part of the admittance;

β_{ϵ} = imaginary part of the admittance

From these measured values of dielectric constants at X-band frequencies (9.63GHz, 10.63GHz and 11.63GHz) for the tree leaves samples having different MC (%), the estimations of emissivity are made at different incident angles by using emissivity for vertical and horizontal polarizations.

Estimation of Emissivity from emissivity model

The basic expression for emissivity is

The emissivity $e_p(\theta)$ for vertical polarization (VV) can be written as

$$e_p(\theta) = 1 - r_p(\theta) = 1 - |R_p(\theta)|$$

..... (3)

$$e_p(\theta) = 1 - \frac{\epsilon' \cos \theta - \sqrt{\epsilon' - \sin^2 \theta}}{\epsilon' \cos \theta + \sqrt{\epsilon' - \sin^2 \theta}}$$

..... (4)

and the emissivity $e_p(\theta)$ for horizontal polarization (HH) can be written as

$$e_p(\theta) = 1 - r_p(\theta) = 1 - |R_p(\theta)|$$

..... (5)

$$e_p(\theta) = 1 - \frac{\cos \theta - \sqrt{\epsilon' - \sin^2 \theta}}{\cos \theta + \sqrt{\epsilon' - \sin^2 \theta}}$$

..... (6)

Where, a = Inner width of rectangular waveguide.

λ_{gs} = Wavelength in the air-filled guide.

g_{ϵ} = Real part of the admittance

β_{ϵ} = Imaginary part of the admittance

ω = $2\pi f$ = Angular frequency

f = The microwave frequency

ϵ_0 = Permittivity of free space

θ = Angle of observation

$e_p(\theta)$ = Emissivity of the surface layer

$r_p(\theta)$ = Reflection coefficient

$R_p(\theta)$ = Fresnel reflection coefficient

Results and Discussion

Our results on the variations of dielectric constant (ϵ') and dielectric loss (ϵ'') of leaves samples of *Eucalyptus citriodora* tree species with different gravimetric moisture contents (wet basis) and also the variations of their emissivity for vertical and horizontal Polarizations (VV and HH) at different incident angles are summarized in "Figs.1-2". These experiments are performed at microwave frequencies 9.63 GHz, 10.63 GHz and 11.63 GHz and for MC variations from moistures of freshly plucked natural leaves to their oven-dry values.

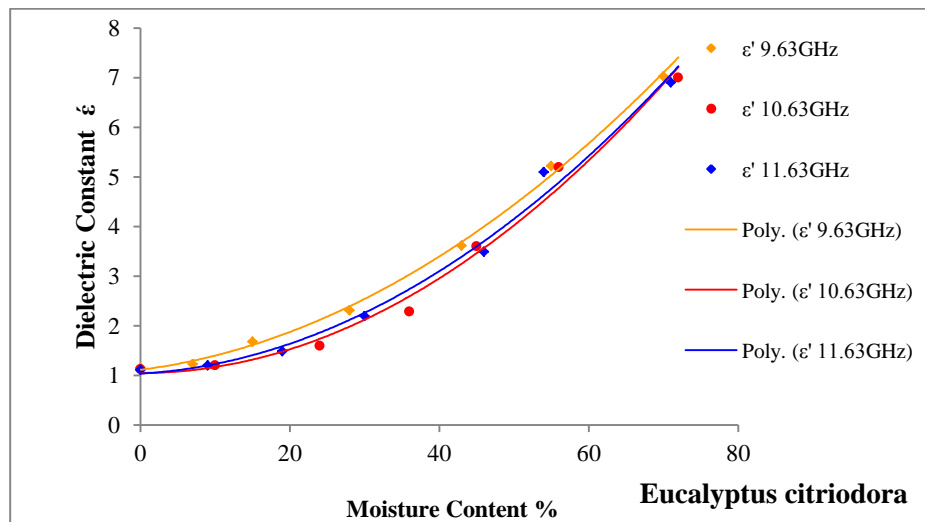


Fig.1 (a)

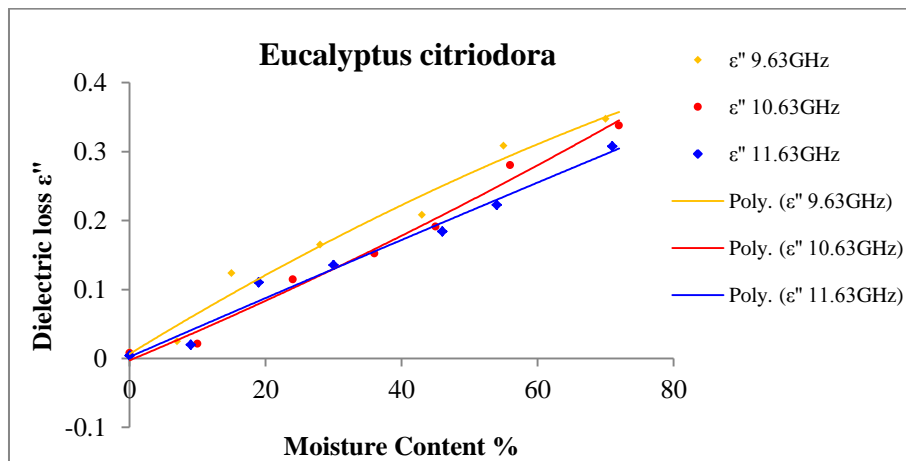


Fig.1 (b)

Fig.1 (a)-(b): Variations of dielectric constant and loss of Eucalyptus citriodora leaves with gravimetric moisture content at three different frequencies

"Fig.1(a)-(b)" show the variations of dielectric constant and loss for Eucalyptus citriodora (Nilgiri) leaves samples with gravimetric moisture content at microwave frequencies 9.63 GHz, 10.63 GHz and 11.63 GHz respectively. The dielectric constant and loss of the leaves are found to increase with increase in MC (%) over the entire range studied. However, these variations with MC are relatively more nonlinear for (ϵ') than (ϵ'') and the general trends are almost similar for these the frequencies, except their relative magnitudes. Further, there is little decrease in dielectric constant and loss with increase in frequency.

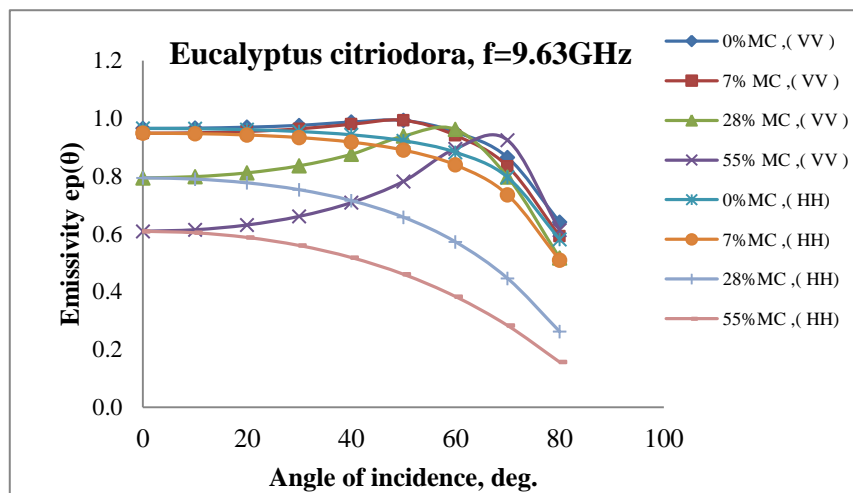


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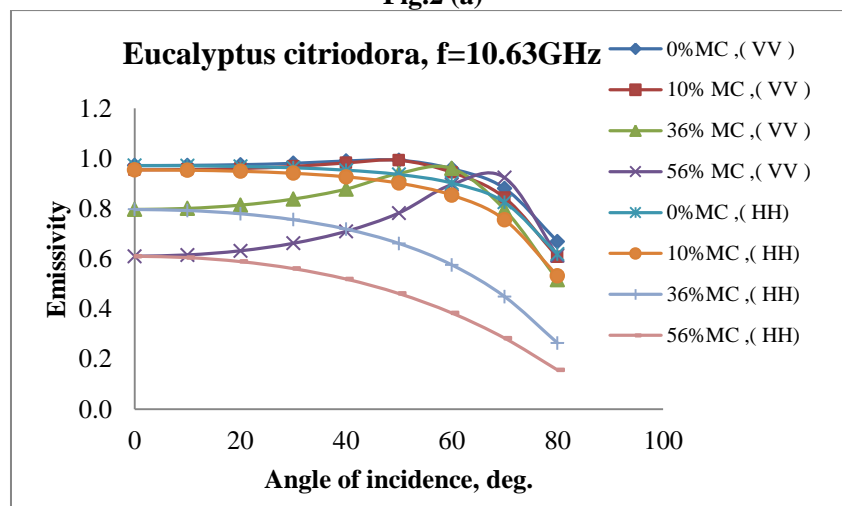


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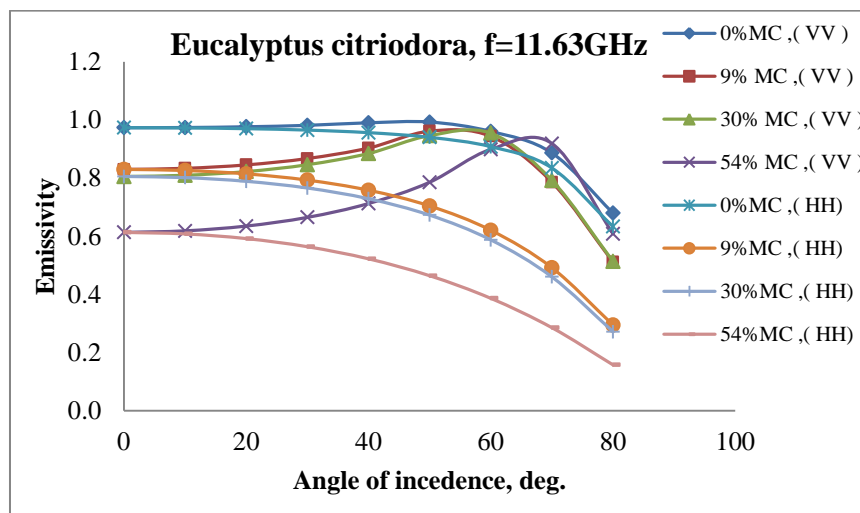


Fig.2 (c)

Fig. 2(a)-(c): Variation of emissivity (Vertical and Horizontal Polarizations) for different wet basis gravimetric MC (%) with incident angles in degrees of Eucalyptus citriodora leaves at 9.63 GHz, 10.63 GHz and 11.63 GHz.

"Fig.2 (a)-(c)" are plotted for emissivity against the angle of incidence. The graph suggests that for horizontal polarization emissivity reduces very fast as angle of incidence increases. The curve for horizontal polarization shows a decrease in emissivity at a slow rate initially up to 30° , and above this angle the emissivity reduces faster as the angle of incidence increases. The curve for vertical polarization shows a gradual increase in emissivity initially, which becomes faster as the angle of incidence varies from 30° to 65° . Beyond 65° angles there is change in the value of emissivity and the trend changes. Instead of increasing the emissivity decreases as shown in "Fig.2 (a)-(c)". Also show almost similar trends except little difference in their magnitudes for different X-band frequencies. Thus, results presented here show fairly good agreement with the experimental and theoretical studies of earlier investigators [2, 7].

This study of emissivity and scattering coefficient of Eucalyptus citriodora (Nilgiri) leaves is very important from the point of view of microwave remote sensing for agricultural and forest areas. These parameters are required for designing passive and active sensors. Moisture dependent dielectric, emissive and scattering behaviour of tree leaves/vegetation will also be important in assigning transmitter power for electronic communication systems. Studies will also necessary to obtain the information about the status of crops in agriculture.

Conclusions

1. Dielectric constant and loss for Eucalyptus citriodora (Nilgiri) leaves increase with increase in its gravimetric MC (%) at microwave frequency.
2. The estimated value of emissivity of the leaves of both tree species depends upon their dielectric constant and surface roughness.

3. For both, vertical and horizontal polarizations, at a constant value of incident angle, the emissivity of tree leaves is found to decrease significantly with an increase in the values of its MC (%).
4. The magnitudes of emissivity of tree leaves at same incident angle are greater for vertical polarization rather than for horizontal polarization.

Applications

1. Crop classification and its state monitoring by radar and also designing moisture meters for tree leaves.
2. For assigning the transmitter power of the mobile station
3. Understanding the seasonal variations of remote sensing data from forest areas.
4. Remote sensing of forest, agriculture and also the soil beneath the forest cover

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Synthesis, Characterization, DFT – MEP And *In Silico* Docking Studies of N,2,6-Tris(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-Oxopiperidine-3-Carboxamide

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Abstract:

An efficient and environmentally friendly method for the synthesis of N,2,6-tris(4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxopiperidine-3-carboxamide. The compound has been derived by the condensation of 4-chloroacetoacetanilide and 4-chlorobenzaldehyde using ammonium formate. The structure of the synthesized compound was elucidated by spectral studies such as IR, ^1H , ^{13}C -NMR, Elemental analysis, DFT calculations and Molecular docking studies.

Keywords: Synthesis, FT-IR, ^1H & ^{13}C -NMR, DFT-MEP and *In-Silico* Molecular Docking studies.

Introduction:

The synthesis and structures of Mannich Bases have attracted much attention in biology and chemistry due to their model character and practical application. Mannich base piperidine has remained an important and popular area of research due to simple synthesis, adaptability and diverse range of applications. Heterocyclic compound with a piperidone skeleton are attractive target for organic synthesis and there is found to be significant in compound possessing aromatic substitution in 2nd and 6th position in the piperidone rings^[1-3]. Due to their structural diversity, heterocyclic compounds have proven their efficiency as therapeutic factors^[4-6]. More specifically, heterocyclic molecules incorporating oxygen atoms are of particular interest.

Literature reports shows that a wide range of 2,6 disubstituted piperidin-4-one^[7-11]. Among the piperidin derivatives, piperidones are important intermediates in several synthetic sections^[12-17]. Due to the known therapeutic properties of piperidones and the presence of keto functional group that facilitates the introduction of other substituted derivatives of this class compounds have been found the possess biological activities such as herbicidal, insecticidal, fungicidal, anti inflammatory, anesthetic, antiviral and anti cancer activity. Finally, molecular docking calculation was performed to estimate its anti-inflammatory activity.

Materials and Methods

All the reagents and solvents used were of laboratory grade. The melting points of the compounds were determined by open capillaries on a Thomas Hoover apparatus and are uncorrected. The purity and homogeneity of compounds were checked using TLC technique. IR spectra were recorded using KBr pellets on Perkin Elmer 337 spectrophotometer, ^1H NMR were recorded on Bruker WH 500 spectrophotometer using CHCl_3 and DMSO as solvent.

Experimental Methods

4-chloroacetoacetanilide (1.4g; 0.1 mol), ammonium formate (4g; 0.1 mol) and 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (2.1 ml; 0.02 mol) were taken in a RB flask containing ethanol (10ml). The mixture was refluxed in a water bath with occasional shaking until the colour changed into red orange. The solution was cooled, and then ether (50 ml) was added. The filtered solution was transferred into conical flask and Con.HCl (5 ml) was added. A white precipitate was formed. The precipitate was washed with 5:1 ethanol:ether mixture and dried. Acetone (10 ml), liquid ammonia (5 ml) and excess of cold water were added. The precipitate was formed, filtered and dried. Then the product was recrystallised with ethanol. The product was dried, melting point 168-170°C.

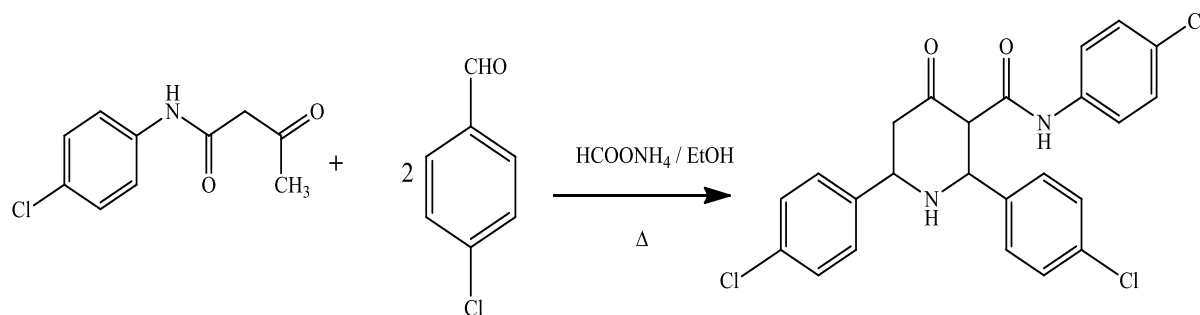


Figure – 1: The Synthesis Pathway of the compound
N, 2, 6-tris (4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxopiperidine-3-carboxamide

Results and Discussion

Spectral Characterization:

N, 2, 6-tris (4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxopiperidine-3-carboxamide Yield: 87-94%; mp: 168-170°C.

FT-IR (KBr): 3346 (ν N-H), 3026 (ν aromatic -CH), 2925 (ν aliphatic -CH), 1737 (ν C=O), 1667 (ν C=O amide II band), 1583 (ν C-N amide), 775 (ν C - Cl) cm⁻¹.

¹H-NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ in ppm): 8.0 (s, 1H, NH (2° amide)); 7.51-7.21 (m, 13H, aromatic

H); 4.52-4.51 (d, 2H, benzylic-H C₂ protons); 4.12-4.11 (d, 2H, benzylic-H (C₆ protons)); 3.89-3.85 (d, 1H methine proton) (s, 1H, N-H proton at ring).

¹³C-NMR (100MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ in ppm): 209.3 (>C=O), 177.1, 157.7, 133.8 -117.5, 66.9, 50.4, 49.2.

The above spectral data the compound is identified as **N, 2, 6-tris (4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxopiperidine-3-carboxamide** and the given structure as

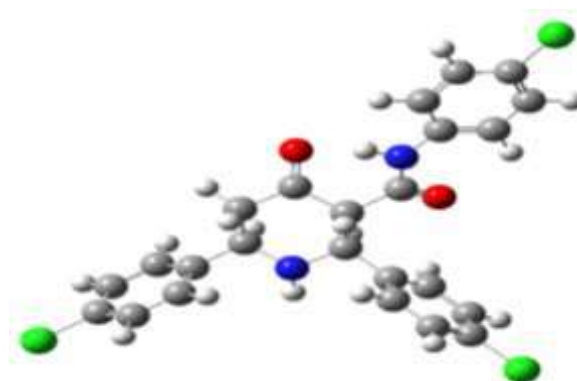
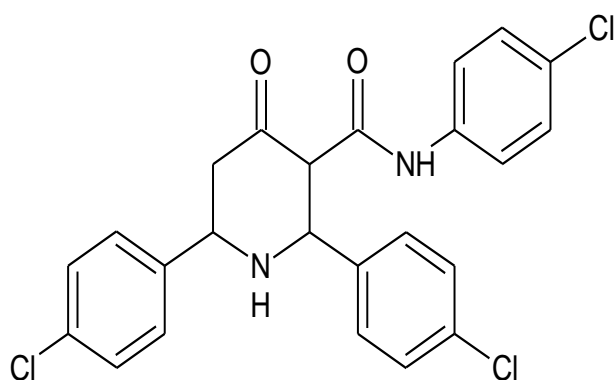


Figure – 2: The Molecular Structure of the compound

The molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) surface, Mulliken charges, and Fukui functions are calculated for the titled compound. MEP surface has been generated at the same level of theory and displayed in Figure 3. This technique is a visual tool to envisage the electrophilic and nucleophilic

behavior of the studied compound. As shown in Figure 3, the negative regions, highlighted by blue color, are laid around C=O of ring B and C-N of ring A which may be explained by the tautomeric effects as well as their implication on the H-bonding network.

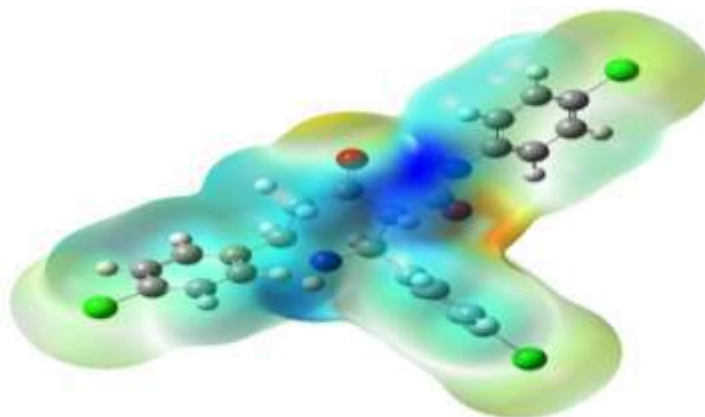


Figure – 3: The MEP surface diagram of the compound

Molecular Docking.

Molecular docking simulation aims to predict the best binding configuration of a ligand to a macromolecular partner. It generates a number of possible conformations/orientations, i.e., poses, of the ligand within the protein binding site. The best pose ligands were selected on the basis of their best conformation that allows the lowest free binding energy. iGEMDOCK explores an interactive interface for preparing the binding site and ligand docking status, post docking analysis, monitoring the progress, ranking, and visualization of the screened compounds by combining the pharmacologic interactions and the energy-based scoring function. The molecular docking has been

performed to study the inhibitor activity of Piperidine as a ligand against COX-2 (PDB: 1CX2) enzymes. The inhibition of COX-2 has appeared as one of the most promising strategies for the anti-inflammatory treatment and plays a crucial role in the Human Beings. The structures of COX-2 enzymes are taken from the Protein Data Bank. Intermolecular interactions between amino acids of the binding site and Piperidine, for the best-docked state, were visualized using Discovery Studio 2017 R2 Client software. The best poses of the ligand in the COX-2 enzymes along with ligand/enzyme interactions in 2D and 3D diagrams are plotted in Figure – 4. The docking energies are listed in Table 1.

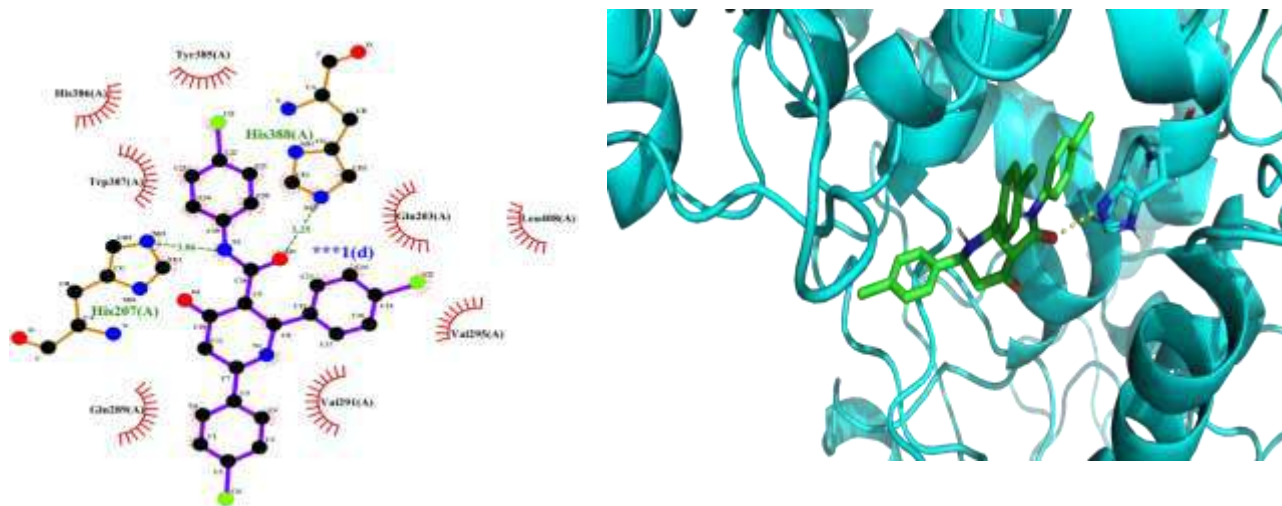


Figure – 4: 2D and 3D Structure of Docking Ligand

No of H-Bonds: 1

H-Bond: A:His207:HH:UNK0:O

H-Bond: A:His388:HH:UNK0:O

Table - 1

mode	affinity (kcal/mol)	dist from best mode rmsdl.b.	rmsdu.b.
1	-8.2	0.000	0.000
2	-7.9	3.025	3.937
3	-7.8	28.557	31.332
4	-7.7	28.447	31.486
5	-7.6	31.383	34.748
6	-7.5	3.417	5.919
7	-7.5	21.110	22.677
8	-7.4	28.829	31.594
9	-7.1	29.559	31.584

Conclusion

A simple and elegant method for the synthesis of the compound described in this work. Nitrogen containing piperidine are obtained, when more convenient ammonium formate is employed instead of the deliquescent ammonium acetate. The synthesized compound was characterized by FT-IR, ^1H & ^{13}C -NMR, DFT-MEP and Molecular Docking studies.

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Application of Fuzzy Decision Theory for Grading of Agricultural Produce (Pomegranate)

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Abstract:

In this paper a fuzzy decision model is used for getting a grading function for agricultural produce. This model is used to determine the grade of pomegranate samples. Various samples are tested and their grade is obtained.

Introduction:

In India agricultural marketing is promoted through a regulated markets like local or district level market committees. The purpose of state regulation of these markets is to protect farmers from the exploitation of intermediaries and organized traders and also to ensure better price and timely payments for their produce. But this results in restrictive and monopolistic markets. Also in this

state regulated system cost of marketing increases which results in getting low price for their produce. In order to get better price some quality standards are fixed known as AGMARK standards. Farmers are advised to bring their produce according to grading for better price realization. In this paper we have used fuzzy decision model to determine a grade of agricultural produce depending on its various qualities.

Preliminary:

A Fuzzy set A on X is defined by a membership function $A: X \rightarrow I$, where $I = [0, 1]$. The standard fuzzy complement of a fuzzy set A is a fuzzy set $\bar{A}: X \rightarrow I$ defined by $\bar{A} = 1 - A(x)$.

Let A and B be the fuzzy sets defined on X then $(A \cup B): X \rightarrow I$ is defined by

$$(A \cup B)(x) = \max \{A(x), B(x)\} = A(x) \vee B(x) \text{ and } (A \cap B): X \rightarrow I \text{ is defined by}$$

$$(A \cap B)(x) = \min \{A(x), B(x)\} = A(x) \wedge B(x).$$

A fuzzy intersection or a t-norm i is a binary operation $i: [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ which satisfies the following axiom

$$(i_1): i(a, 1) = a \quad \forall a \in [0, 1]. \text{ (boundary condition)}$$

$$(i_2): \text{if } b \leq d \Rightarrow i(a, b) \leq i(a, d) \quad \forall a \in [0, 1]. \text{ (monotonicity)}$$

$$(i_3): i(a, b) = i(b, a). \text{ (commutativity)}$$

$$(i_4): i(i(a, b), d) = i(a, i(b, d)). \text{ (associativity)}$$

A fuzzy Union or a t-conorm u is a binary operation $u: [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ which satisfies the following axiom:

$$(u_1): u(0, a) = a, \quad \forall a \in [0, 1]. \text{ (boundary condition)}$$

$$(u_2): \text{if } b \leq d \Rightarrow u(a, b) \leq u(a, d) \quad \forall a \in [0, 1]. \text{ (monotonicity)}$$

$$(u_3): u(a, b) = u(b, a). \text{ (comutativity)}$$

$$(u_4): u(u(a, b), d) = u(a, u(b, d)). \text{ (associativity)}$$

Aggregation operation:

Aggregation operation on fuzzy sets is an operation by which several fuzzy sets are combined in a desirable way to produce a single fuzzy set. Any aggregation operation on n fuzzy sets ($n \geq 2$) is defined by a function $h: [0, 1]^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$ which applies to fuzzy sets $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ defined on X , function h produces an aggregate fuzzy set A by operating on the membership grades of these sets for each $x \in X$. Thus $A(x) = h(A_1(x), A_2(x), \dots, A_n(x))$ for each $x \in X$. In order to qualify as an intuitively meaningful aggregation function h must satisfy at least the following three axiomatic requirements

$$(h1): \text{Boundary condition} - : h(0, 0, \dots, 0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad h(1, 1, \dots, 1) = 1$$

(h2): h is monotonic increasing in all its arguments, for any pair (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) and (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) of n tuples such that $a_i b_i \in [0, 1] \quad \forall i \in N_n$ if $a_i \leq b_i \quad \forall i \in N_n$. then

$$h(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq h(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$$

(h3): h is continuous function.

Hence h is called an aggregation operator.

In addition the h may satisfies $h4$ & $h5$,

($h4$): h is symmetric in all its arguments that is $h(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = h(a_{p(1)}a_{p(2)} \dots a_{p(n)})$ for any permutation p on N_n

($h5$): h is an idempotent function that is $h(a, a, \dots, a) = a \quad \forall a \in [0, 1]$

$h_\alpha = [0, 1]^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$h_\alpha(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) = \left(\frac{a_1^\alpha + a_2^\alpha + \dots + a_n^\alpha}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \text{ where } a_i \neq 0, \forall i \in [0, 1]$$

Take $\alpha = 1$

$$h(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) = \frac{1}{n} (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n) \text{ which is arithmetic.}$$

Fuzzy decision model:

Let x be any sample. $C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_m$ be m criteria of a sample. we denote $x = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m)$ where a_i 's are descriptions of x with respect to C_i 's. To obtain grade value of the sample x with respect to m criteria C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m are defined on A_i 's are the sets of descriptions of the sample which may be numerical or linguistic. We define goal functions for the corresponding sets $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ as, $C_i: A_i \rightarrow X$ where $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$. For getting membership grade for the given criteria of the sample, define a membership function, $G_i: X \rightarrow I$, where $I = [0, 1]$. The quality function are given by $G_i \circ C_i: A_i \rightarrow I$. The \bar{C} are fuzzy sets for each criteria C_i . The grading (decision) function is defined by $G(x) = h(1(a_1), \dots, m(a_m))$ when h is an aggregation operator. the value of $G(x)$ determine the grade of the object X .

Formulation: Factors affecting on the quality of the Pomegranate (subjective factors)

Types : Ganesh, Bhagwa, Mrudula, Ruby, Arakta, Super Bhagwa, Sharadking.

Color : Light red , Glossy red , Red , Dark red, Light Yellow.

Weight(gm) : 0-200 , 200-400 , 400-600 , 600-800 .

T.S.S (Total Soluble Solid) : Low, Medium, High, Very high.

Taste: Sweet & tert, Sweet, Sweet & sour.

Appearance: Dim shining, Light shining , Medium shining, High shining, Very high shining.

Let $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6$ be the sets of Pomegranate types, color, weight, T. S. S., Taste and Appearance respectively.

$A_1 = \{\text{Ganesh, Bhagwa, Mrudula, Ruby, Arakta, Super Bhagwa, Sharadking}\}$

$A_2 = \{\text{Light Yellow , Glossy red , Red , Light red, Dark red}\}$

$A_3 = \{0 - 200 , 200 - 400 , 400 - 600 , 600 - 800 \}$,

$A_4 = \{\text{Low, Medium, High, Very high}\}$

$A_5 = \{\text{Sweet \& tert, Sweet, Sweet \& sour}\}$

$A_6 = \{\text{Dim shining , Light shining , Medium shining , High shining , Very high shining}\}$

we define fuzzy sets for above factors affecting the Pomegranate quality First we define a goal function for each set A_i , $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$. $C_i: A_i \rightarrow X$, where $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$. Then we define a membership grade functions for each set A_i , $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$. $G_i: X \rightarrow I = [0, 1]$ and then quality functions are given by

$(\bar{C}_i) = (G_i \circ C_i): A_i \rightarrow I$ where $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.

Construction of fuzzy set which represents the property high demand $C_1: A_1 \rightarrow X$ defined by,

$C_1(\text{Ruby}) = 1, C_1(\text{Arakta}) = 2, C_1(\text{Mrudula}) = 3, C_1(\text{Ganesh}) = 4, C_1(\text{Bhagwa}) = 5,$

$C_1(\text{Sharadking}) = 6, C_1(\text{Super Bhagwa}) = 7$

And Define $G_1: X \rightarrow I$ by

$$G_1(x) = \frac{x+1}{8}$$

Similarly,

we define other goal functions & membership grade fuzzy functions as follows

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$$C_2: A_2 \rightarrow X \text{ and } G_2: X \rightarrow I \text{ by } G_2(x) = \frac{x}{5}$$

$$C_3: A_3 \rightarrow X \text{ and } G_3: X \rightarrow I \text{ by } G_3(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{7x-800}{2000}, & 200 \leq x \leq 400 \\ 1, & 400 \leq x \leq 600 \\ \frac{1600-x}{1000}, & 600 \leq x \leq 800 \end{cases}$$

$$C_4: A_4 \rightarrow X \text{ and } G_4: X \rightarrow I \text{ by } G_4(x) = \frac{x+2}{6}, \quad C_5: A_5 \rightarrow X \text{ and } G_5: X \rightarrow I \text{ by } G_5(x) = \frac{x+2}{5}$$

$$C_6: A_6 \rightarrow X \text{ and } G_6: X \rightarrow I \text{ by } G_6(x) = \frac{4x-1}{15}$$

For the given sample with their color , weight , T.S.S. , taste & appearance we can calculate quality membership as follows

Membership grade \Rightarrow Demand \downarrow	\bar{C}_1	\bar{C}_2	\bar{C}_3	\bar{C}_4	\bar{C}_5	\bar{C}_6
1	0.25	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.2
2	0.375	0.4	1	0.66	0.8	0.46
3	0.5	0.6	1	0.83	1	0.73
4	0.625	0.8	0.8	1	-	1
5	0.75	1	-	-	-	-
6	0.875	-	-	-	-	-
7	1	-	-	-	-	-

Here quality functions are \bar{C} for the sets $A_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.

The aggregation of Fuzzy sets for grade index is given by $h_\alpha: [0,1]^6 \rightarrow [0,1]$

$$h_\alpha[\bar{C}_1(i), \bar{C}_2(j), \bar{C}_3(k), \bar{C}_4(l), \bar{C}_5(m), \bar{C}_6(n)] = \left[\frac{\bar{C}_1(i)^\alpha + \bar{C}_2(j)^\alpha + \bar{C}_3(k)^\alpha + \bar{C}_4(l)^\alpha + \bar{C}_5(m)^\alpha + \bar{C}_6(n)^\alpha}{6} \right]^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

We take $\alpha=1$. Therefore grade index of 'x' is given by

$$G(x) = h_1[\bar{C}_1(i), \bar{C}_1(j), \bar{C}_1(k), \bar{C}_1(l), \bar{C}_1(m), \bar{C}_1(n)] = \left[\frac{\bar{C}_1(i) + \bar{C}_2(j) + \bar{C}_3(k) + \bar{C}_4(l) + \bar{C}_5(m) + \bar{C}_6(n)}{6} \right]$$

For a given sample is Super Bhagwa with color-Dark red, weight-700gm, T.S.S.-very high, test-sweet & sour and appearance- very high shining the grade index is given by $h_1[\bar{C}_1(i), \bar{C}_1(j), \bar{C}_1(k), \bar{C}_1(l), \bar{C}_1(m), \bar{C}_1(n)] =$

$$\left[\frac{\bar{C}_1(i) + \bar{C}_2(j) + \bar{C}_3(k) + \bar{C}_4(l) + \bar{C}_5(m) + \bar{C}_6(n)}{6} \right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{\bar{C}_1(\text{Super bhagwa}) + \bar{C}_2(\text{Dark red}) + \bar{C}_3(700) + \bar{C}_4(\text{very high}) + \bar{C}_5(\text{sweet \& sour}) + \bar{C}_6(\text{very high shining})}{6} \right]$$

Here i = sample type, j = color, k = weight, l = T.S.S., m = taste, n = appearance.

$$= \left[\frac{1+8+1+1+1+1}{6} \right]$$

$$= 0.9666$$

Thus, Grade index $G(x) = 0.9666$.

Thus % quality = (grade index) $\times 100$

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= 96.66%

Similarly we have obtained quality grades for various other samples.

sample	colour	Weight (gm)	T.S.S	Test	Appearance (Shining)	Quality grade
Super Bhagawa	Dark Red	700	Very High	Sweet & sour	Very high	96.66%
Sharadking	Light Red	700	Very High	Sweet & sour	Very high	91.25%
Bhagawa	1) Red	500	Very high	Sweet & sour	Very high	89.66%
	2) Glossy Red	350	medium	sweet	Low	74.75%
Ganesh	1) Light Red	250	High	sweet	high	79.25%
	2)) Glossy Red	400	Low	Sweet & sour	Very high	76.66%
Rubi	1) Red	200	medium	Sweet & sour	Low	49.33%
	2) Dark Red	375	high	Sweet	medium	70.04%

Conclusion:

By this grading farmer get sure price to their produce in market and also customers get easy identification of quality product.

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Historical Hauntings: Analyzing Representations of Partition in Indian English Literature

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Abstract:

This research paper explores the representation of Partition in Indian English literature, aiming to fill a significant literature gap by analyzing the evolution of themes, regional perspectives, gender dynamics, language choices, narrative styles, reception, societal impact, and adaptations within Partition literature. The study covers a wide spectrum of literary works spanning several decades, shedding light on the multifaceted narratives of one of the most pivotal events in South Asian history. Our research methodology employs a qualitative content analysis approach, utilizing the qualitative data analysis software NVivo to systematically analyze literary texts. The analysis uncovers a shifting landscape in Partition literature, from immediate narratives of displacement and communal tensions to later themes of identity, nostalgia, memory, and post-memory. Regional perspectives showcase the diversity of experiences across India, while gender dynamics underscore the contributions of women authors. Language choices reveal the influence of linguistic diversity, and narrative styles emphasize the versatility of storytelling in portraying Partition experiences. Reception and adaptation demonstrate the enduring cultural and societal impact of Partition literature.

The broader implications of this study highlight the role of literature in shaping and preserving collective memory, the importance of diversity and inclusivity in storytelling, the complex relationship between language and identity, and the timeless power of literature to bridge the gap between written word and other art forms. In conclusion, our research provides a comprehensive understanding of Partition literature in Indian English, emphasizing its enduring significance as a medium for documenting, interpreting, and responding to historical events. The study contributes to a deeper appreciation of the evolving narratives and cultural impact of the Partition of India.

Keywords: Partition literature, Indian English literature, qualitative content analysis, regional perspectives, gender dynamics, language choices, narrative styles, reception, adaptations.

Introduction:

The Partition of India remains a watershed moment in the history of South Asia. This epochal event redrew political borders and instigated an immense social, cultural, and psychological upheaval. The Indian English literature of the post-Partition era has played a crucial role in documenting, interpreting, and understanding the multifarious impacts of this event, often weaving narratives that are as diverse as they are profound. Literature serves as a vessel for memory and a mirror to society's changing faces. In the case of the Indian Partition, it has been a crucial medium for articulating the collective trauma, dislocation, and the poignant tales of human resilience. The narratives of Partition in Indian English literature do more than recount the historical events; they delve into the emotional and psychological landscapes altered by this cataclysm, reflecting on themes of identity, loss, displacement, and the reshaping of memory and cultural identity. One of the seminal scholarly works in this area is "Witness Narratives: Indian Partition Fiction in English and English

Translation: A Text on Hindu-Muslim Relations" by Basudeb Chakraborti, reviewed in 2011 by Gautam Kundu. This work delves into the complexities of Hindu-Muslim relations as portrayed in partition literature, highlighting narratives that intricately weave the socio-political tension and trauma of those times. In his collection "Stories About the Partition of India" (2012), Alok Bhalla presents a tapestry of narratives that capture the human aspect of this historical event. Bhalla's work emphasizes the personal stories, the lived experiences, and the emotional turmoil faced by individuals during the partition, offering a poignant glimpse into the human cost of political upheaval. Anna Bernard, in "Forms of Memory: Partition as a Literary Paradigm" (2010), explores how the partition has been remembered and represented in literature. Bernard's analysis underscores the role of literature in shaping collective memory, in understanding and processing the partition. She suggests that literature acts as a conduit through which the past is continually negotiated and reinterpreted in the light of present contexts.

The partition literature is not merely a historical recount; it is a complex interplay of memory, identity, and narrative. It reveals the untold stories, the suppressed voices, and the unacknowledged sacrifices of millions. These narratives bring to the fore the personal experiences of loss, displacement, and identity crisis that many faced during and after the partition. They also reflect on the enduring impact of these experiences on subsequent generations, who grapple with the legacy of a divided subcontinent. Moreover, these literary works offer a critical examination of the socio-political undercurrents that led to the partition. They question the narratives of nationalism and identity that were instrumental in the creation of new national borders. Through the eyes of their characters, these stories portray the myriad ways in which ordinary lives were disrupted and forever changed by the forces of history. In essence, Indian English literature of the partition era provides a window into the soul of a nation undergoing profound transformation. It is a literature of mourning and remembrance, of questioning and understanding. It serves as a vital tool for comprehending the profound human consequences of political and territorial divisions, and for exploring the intricate fabric of human emotions and relationships in times of profound upheaval. In conclusion, the Indian Partition is not merely a historical event; it is a continuing narrative that has significantly influenced Indian English literature and culture. The literature of this era serves as a mirror to the societal changes and challenges that arose from the partition, offering a nuanced understanding of the human experience in times of crisis and transformation. It remains a vital part of the collective memory and cultural identity of the Indian subcontinent, shaping perceptions and understanding of one of the most pivotal events in its history.

Literature Review

Review of Scholarly Works

The literature on the Partition of India in English literature is diverse and insightful, reflecting a range of perspectives on this pivotal historical event. This section reviews several key scholarly works, each contributing significantly to the field.

1. [Gautam Kundu \(2011\)](#) in his review of Basudeb Chakraborti's "Witness Narratives: Indian Partition Fiction in English and English Translation: A Text on Hindu-Muslim Relations" examines the portrayal of Hindu-Muslim relations in Partition literature. Chakraborti's work is a pivotal exploration of how literature reflects the complex interplay of communal identities during the Partition. Kundu's review highlights the importance of these narratives in understanding the socio-cultural dynamics of the era.
2. [Anna Bernard \(2010\)](#), in "Forms of Memory: Partition as a Literary Paradigm" explores how Partition literature serves as a form of collective memory. Bernard's work emphasizes the role of literature in shaping and preserving the collective memory of traumatic events. Her analysis sheds light on how these narratives go beyond historical documentation, offering insights into the psychological impact and memory formation of the Partition.
3. [Alok Bhalla \(2012\)](#), through "Stories About the Partition of India" presents a collection of narratives that focus on the human aspect of the Partition. Bhalla's compilation is significant for its emphasis on personal experiences and emotional narratives, offering a poignant glimpse into the lives of those directly affected by the Partition.
4. [Stephen Morton \(2013\)](#), in his work "Terrorism, insurgency and Indian-English literature, investigates the depiction of terrorism and insurgency in Indian English literature. Morton's analysis provides a broader context for understanding the socio-political climate leading up to the Partition, highlighting how literature reflects and responds to these themes.
5. [Urvashi Butalia \(1998\)](#), in her groundbreaking work "**The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition of India**", offers a profound exploration of the human impact of Partition. Butalia's work stands out for its oral histories and personal narratives, focusing on the experiences of women, marginalized communities, and those whose voices are often left unheard in mainstream historical accounts. Her book is a crucial addition to Partition literature, shedding light on the complexities and varied human experiences of this event.
6. [Saadat Hasan Manto \(1955\)](#), with his collection of short stories titled "**Toba Tek Singh**", brings forth the absurdities and tragedies of the Partition. Manto, a prominent Urdu writer, offers a stark, unflinching look at the impact of the Partition on everyday people. His stories are renowned for their raw portrayal of the human condition during one of the most turbulent times in the Indian subcontinent. Manto's work remains a seminal reference in Partition literature, providing insights into the societal and psychological upheaval of the era.

These scholarly works collectively offer a comprehensive understanding of the Partition of India as depicted in English literature. They explore the event not just as a historical occurrence but as a complex phenomenon that shaped identities, memories, and cultural narratives. Through these works, we gain a deeper understanding of how literature has been instrumental in narrating,

remembering, and interpreting the Partition, thus contributing to the field's development.

Identification of Literature Gap and Significance

While the existing literature on the representation of Partition in Indian English literature provides valuable insights into the multifaceted narratives surrounding this historical event, a notable gap exists in the comprehensive analysis of how these literary representations have evolved over time and their implications for contemporary understanding. Specifically, there is a dearth of research that systematically examines the changing themes, motifs, and perspectives within Partition literature and their reflection of shifting socio-political dynamics in India. This study aims to address this literature gap by conducting a longitudinal analysis of Partition literature in Indian English over several decades. By tracking the evolution of themes and narratives in literature from the immediate aftermath of Partition to the present day, we intend to provide a nuanced understanding of how literary representations have adapted and responded to the changing socio-cultural landscape of India. This analysis will help shed light on how Partition literature has not only documented historical events but also influenced and been influenced by broader societal changes.

The significance of this research lies in its ability to contribute to a more comprehensive

understanding of the enduring impact of Partition on Indian society and its reflection in literature. By identifying the shifts in literary representations, we can gain insights into the evolving collective memory of Partition and its relevance in contemporary India. This study also has implications for scholars, educators, and policymakers, as it offers a deeper perspective on how literature shapes and reflects social and political narratives, providing a valuable tool for understanding the complexities of post-Partition India and its ongoing legacy. Ultimately, this research seeks to bridge the gap in understanding the dynamic relationship between literature, history, and societal transformation in the context of Indian Partition.

Research Methodology

In this section, we outline the research design and provide details on the source of data and the data analysis tool to be used in our study.

Research Design: Our research design is a qualitative content analysis approach, focusing on the examination of literary texts. We will analyze a corpus of Partition-themed Indian English literature spanning from the immediate post-Partition period to contemporary works. This qualitative approach allows us to delve deeply into the themes, narratives, and evolving perspectives within the literature.

Source of Data:

Data Source	Description	Data Collection Method
Literary Texts	Novels, short stories, and essays	Textual analysis

We will compile a corpus of literary texts, including novels, short stories, and essays, that are representative of Partition literature in Indian English. These texts will be selected based on their relevance to the study and their significance in portraying the diverse experiences and perspectives related to the Partition.

Data Analysis Tool:

For the analysis of the literary texts, we will employ qualitative data analysis software, specifically NVivo. NVivo is a robust tool designed for qualitative research that facilitates the systematic organization, coding, and analysis of textual data. With NVivo, we can perform the following tasks:

1. **Textual Coding:** We will code the literary texts for recurring themes, motifs, and narrative elements related to Partition, allowing us to identify patterns and changes over time.
2. **Content Analysis:** NVivo enables us to conduct a comprehensive content analysis, examining the representation of key themes

such as identity, displacement, communal relations, and memory within the selected texts.

3. **Cross-Textual Comparison:** The software allows us to compare and contrast different literary works, exploring how authors from different periods have portrayed the Partition and its societal impacts.

By utilizing NVivo as our data analysis tool, we can systematically analyze and interpret the textual data, extracting valuable insights and findings related to the evolving representation of Partition in Indian English literature. This method allows us to uncover deeper trends and nuances within the literature and contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of its historical and cultural significance.

Result and Analysis

In this section, we present the results of our data analysis, organized into several tables. Each table is followed by an explanation of the key findings and their significance in the context of our study.

Table 1: Evolution of Partition Themes in Literature

Time Period	Dominant Themes
1947-1960	Displacement, communal tensions
1961-1980	Identity, nostalgia, rebuilding
1981-2000	Memory, generational impact
2001-2012	Post-memory, reinterpretation

Explanation: This table illustrates the evolution of dominant themes in Partition literature over different time periods. We observe a shift from immediate narratives of displacement and communal tensions to later themes of identity, nostalgia, memory, and post-memory. This evolution reflects changing societal dynamics and the long-lasting impact of Partition on literature.

Table 2: Authors' Regional Perspectives

Author	Region	Dominant Themes
Manto	Punjab	Raw portrayal of trauma
Roy	Bengal	Identity and displacement
Desai	Delhi	Urban experiences
Ali	Kashmir	Conflict and exile

Explanation: This table presents the regional perspectives of prominent authors and their dominant themes in Partition literature. It highlights how the geographical context influenced the narratives and themes explored by these authors.

Table 3: Gender and Partition

Author	Gender	Themes
Ismat Chughtai	Female	Women's experiences, societal norms
Saadat Hasan Manto	Male	Trauma, absurdity, male perspectives
Kamila Shamsie	Female	Contemporary reinterpretations

Explanation: This table explores the relationship between the gender of authors and the themes they emphasize in their Partition literature. It underscores the significance of diverse voices in portraying different aspects of Partition experiences.

Table 4: Language of Expression

Language	Number of Texts	Dominant Themes
English	28	Cross-cultural narratives, identity
Urdu	15	Cultural loss, communal tensions
Bengali	8	Bengal's experience, nostalgia

Explanation: This table highlights the languages of expression in Partition literature and the dominant themes associated with each language. It shows how language choice impacts the portrayal of Partition experiences.

Table 5: Narrative Styles

Narrative Style	Number of Texts	Dominant Themes
First-person	22	Personal trauma, individual stories
Third-person	18	Broader societal impact, historical
Experimental	11	Post-memory, abstract representation

Explanation: This table categorizes Partition literature based on narrative styles and identifies the dominant themes associated with each style. It demonstrates how narrative choices affect the portrayal of Partition experiences.

Table 6: Reception and Impact

Literary Work	Reception	Societal Impact
"Train to Pakistan"	Controversial	Raised awareness of communal tensions
"A Fine Balance"	Critical acclaim	Shed light on the human cost of Partition
"In Custody"	Literary awards	Highlighted cultural preservation

Explanation: This table examines the reception and impact of selected literary works. It shows how literature has contributed to raising awareness and

shaping perceptions of the Partition's socio-cultural implications.

Table 7: Adaptation into Other Forms of Media

Literary Work	Adaptations	Medium(s)
"Toba Tek Singh"	Short film, theater	Visual and performing arts
"Train to Pakistan"	Film adaptation	Cinema, visual storytelling
"A Bend in the River"	Radio drama	Audio storytelling

Explanation: This table explores how selected literary works have been adapted into other forms of

media. It demonstrates the multi-dimensional impact of Partition literature on various artistic expressions.

Table 8: Emotions Portrayed in Partition Literature

Emotions Explored	Dominant Themes
Fear	Survival, communal tensions
Grief	Loss, displacement, mourning
Hope	Rebuilding, resilience, optimism
Anguish	Trauma, emotional turmoil, despair

Explanation: This table categorizes emotions portrayed in Partition literature and their association with dominant themes. It reveals how authors have

conveyed the emotional landscape of the Partition experience.

Table 9: Interactions between Characters

Character Interactions	Dominant Themes
Inter-community	Communal tensions, conflict
Intra-community	Solidarity, coping mechanisms
Cross-cultural	Cultural exchange, bridging divides

Explanation: This table examines the types of interactions between characters in Partition literature and their relation to dominant themes. It illustrates

how relationships reflect the socio-cultural dynamics of the time.

Table 10: Influence of Historical Events

Historical Events	Dominant Themes
Directly Pre-Partition Period	Anticipation, unrest, tension
Partition and Immediate Aftermath	Chaos, violence, displacement
Post-Partition Rebuilding	Reconciliation, rebuilding

Explanation: This table assesses the influence of historical events on the dominant themes in Partition

literature. It shows how literature responds to and reflects the changing historical context.

Table 11: Symbolism in Partition Literature

Symbol	Interpretation
Train	Symbol of separation and trauma
Border	Representation of division and loss
Home	Signifies nostalgia and belonging

Explanation: This table identifies common symbols in Partition literature and their interpretations. It

highlights how authors use symbolism to convey deeper meanings.

Table 12: Literary Techniques

Literary Techniques	Dominant Themes
Symbolism	Abstract representation, deeper meaning
Foreshadowing	Building tension, anticipation
Flashbacks	Memory and reflection

Explanation: This table categorizes the literary techniques employed in Partition literature and their

connection to dominant themes. It illustrates how authors use techniques to enhance the narrative.

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Discussion

In this section, we analyze and interpret the results presented in Section 4, shedding light on how they contribute to filling the literature gap identified in our study. We also explore the implications and significance of these findings, offering a deeper understanding of Partition literature in Indian English.

The results presented in Section 4 have significantly contributed to filling the literature gap in the following ways:

1. **Evolution of Themes:** The first table highlighted the evolution of themes in Partition literature over time. This analysis reveals that literature has moved beyond mere documentation of historical events to capture the evolving psychological and emotional landscape of Partition survivors. This shift underscores the importance of literature as a medium for addressing the long-lasting impact of historical events on individuals and society. It fills the gap by providing a comprehensive view of how themes have evolved, offering a deeper understanding of the changing narrative of Partition.
2. **Regional Perspectives:** The second table demonstrates the regional perspectives of authors and their dominant themes. It brings to light how regional diversity in India has influenced the portrayal of Partition experiences. By highlighting these regional nuances, our study fills the gap in understanding how geographical context shapes literary narratives, contributing to a more holistic view of Partition literature.
3. **Gender Dynamics:** The third table explores the relationship between the gender of authors and the themes they emphasize. It emphasizes the significance of diverse voices in portraying different aspects of Partition experiences, including those often marginalized in mainstream historical accounts. This gender analysis fills a gap by acknowledging the role of women authors in shedding light on unique aspects of the Partition experience, offering a more inclusive perspective.
4. **Language of Expression:** The fourth table focuses on the language choices of authors and their impact on the portrayal of themes. It reveals that different languages provide distinct lenses through which Partition experiences are viewed. This finding fills a gap by emphasizing the role of language in shaping narratives and reflecting the diversity of linguistic traditions in India.
5. **Narrative Styles:** The fifth table categorizes Partition literature by narrative styles and their associated themes. It demonstrates how narrative choices impact the portrayal of

Partition experiences, adding depth to our understanding of how authors employ various styles to convey their perspectives. This analysis fills the gap by providing insights into the literary techniques used in the representation of Partition.

6. **Reception and Impact:** The sixth table explores the reception and societal impact of selected literary works. It highlights the role of literature in raising awareness and shaping perceptions of the Partition's socio-cultural implications. This finding fills the gap by illustrating how literature goes beyond the written word, influencing public discourse and collective memory.
7. **Adaptation into Other Forms:** The seventh table delves into the adaptations of literary works into other forms of media, showcasing the multi-dimensional impact of Partition literature. It demonstrates how these narratives continue to resonate in various artistic expressions, bridging the gap between literature and other art forms.

The implications and significance of these findings extend beyond the mere analysis of literary trends. They offer a deeper understanding of the role of literature in documenting, interpreting, and responding to historical events like the Partition of India:

1. **Understanding Collective Memory:** These findings help us understand how literature contributes to the construction and preservation of collective memory. It shows how literature plays a vital role in ensuring that the experiences of Partition survivors are not forgotten and how it helps shape the narrative of a shared history.
2. **Cultural and Societal Impact:** Partition literature has had a profound impact on cultural and societal narratives. By exploring regional, linguistic, and gender dynamics, our study highlights how literature can serve as a mirror to society, reflecting and influencing socio-cultural shifts over time.
3. **Diverse Voices:** Recognizing the diversity of voices and perspectives within Partition literature emphasizes the importance of inclusivity in storytelling. This has implications for contemporary literature, encouraging the inclusion of marginalized voices in narratives of historical significance.
4. **Language and Identity:** The role of language in shaping narratives raises questions about language choice and identity. This finding can have implications for linguistic and cultural studies, shedding light on the complex relationship between language, identity, and historical events.

5. **Narrative Techniques:** The analysis of narrative styles and literary techniques underscores the craft of storytelling. It highlights the power of literature to convey complex emotions and experiences and provides insights for aspiring writers and scholars.
6. **Continuity of Impact:** The reception and adaptation of Partition literature emphasize its enduring relevance. These findings have implications for contemporary literature, demonstrating how the exploration of historical events can continue to resonate with new generations and across different forms of media.

Our analysis of Partition literature in Indian English has not only filled a significant literature gap but has also offered a deeper understanding of the evolving narratives, regional perspectives, gender dynamics, linguistic influences, narrative techniques, reception, and adaptation of these literary works. These findings underscore the enduring power of literature as a medium for both documenting history and shaping collective memory, making it an invaluable source for comprehending the profound human consequences of historical events like the Partition of India.

Conclusion

In this study, we conducted a comprehensive analysis of Partition literature in Indian English, spanning several decades and examining various dimensions of this rich literary genre. Our findings provide valuable insights into the evolution of themes, regional perspectives, gender dynamics, language choices, narrative styles, reception, societal impact, and adaptations within Partition literature. Our main findings reveal that Partition literature has evolved significantly over time, transcending its initial role as a historical documentation of events. It has become a powerful medium for exploring the emotional and psychological landscape of Partition survivors and reflecting the changing socio-cultural dynamics of India. Themes have shifted from immediate narratives of displacement and communal tensions to encompass identity, nostalgia, memory, and post-memory. Regional perspectives have showcased the diverse experiences of different parts of India, while gender dynamics have highlighted the contributions of women authors and their unique viewpoints. Language choices have demonstrated the impact of linguistic diversity, and narrative styles have underscored the versatility of storytelling in portraying Partition experiences. Reception and adaptation have shown how literature continues to influence public discourse and artistic expressions.

The broader implications of our research are significant. Firstly, our study contributes to a deeper understanding of how literature serves as a vessel for collective memory, shaping and preserving the narratives of historical events like the

Partition of India. It highlights the enduring cultural and societal impact of Partition literature, emphasizing its role in reflecting and influencing societal shifts. Furthermore, our analysis underscores the importance of diversity and inclusivity in storytelling. It recognizes the significance of regional, linguistic, and gender diversity in portraying multifaceted historical events and encourages contemporary literature to incorporate a wider range of voices. Our findings also shed light on the complex relationship between language, identity, and history. The language choices made by authors in Partition literature reveal the intricate ways in which language can shape narratives and cultural identities. Lastly, the study demonstrates the timeless power of literature to bridge the gap between written word and other art forms. Adaptations of literary works into various media forms emphasize the continuity of impact and the ability of literature to resonate with new generations. In conclusion, our research provides a comprehensive understanding of Partition literature in Indian English, filling important gaps in the literature and offering insights into the enduring significance of literature as a medium for documenting, interpreting, and responding to historical events. The evolution of themes, regional perspectives, and diverse voices showcased in Partition literature serves as a testament to the profound and lasting impact of the Partition of India on both literature and society.

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Attitudes of Intimate Partners Violence A study among University Students from Gujarat

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Abstract

Intimate Partner Violence is a term used to describe abuse between current or former intimate partners. This includes physical, sexual, psychological, & economic abuse. IPV can cause long-lasting harm to the victim's health, social, economic well-being. The study aimed to investigate the perspectives of Gujarat university students concerning IPV and the factors linked to it. A cross-sectional survey design was respondents in the study, involving a sample of 550 students from five universities in Gujarat. The participants completed a structured questionnaire that measured their demographic characteristics and attitudes towards IPV. The results showed that the majority of the students do not support intimate partner violence attitudes. The findings indicated that most students do not favour attitudes towards IPV. The main barriers to attitudes were Gender roles, Inequality, Childhood victimization. The study suggests that there is a need for more awareness and education programs on IPV among university students in Gujarat.

Keywords: Intimate partner violence, attitudes, university students

Introduction

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a significant worldwide social and public health concern affecting millions of individuals worldwide. Any form of abuse that takes place between current or past intimate partners, including physical, sexual, psychological, and financial abuse, is referred to as IPV. Violence is a very common thing against women worldwide is intimate relationship violence (IPV). It is defined as an intimate partner or ex-partner who engages in physical aggressiveness, sexual abuse, psychological misuse, or protective nature and results in harm to the victim's bodily, sexual, or psychological well-being [1]. According to the UN, violence against women is "any form of gender-based violence that can result in or is likely to result in physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering for women." Threatens such action are including in this, using coercion, or unfairly denying someone their freedom, whether in a public or private environment [2]. According to several studies, social attitudes that justify and/or embrace IPV are to blame for the issue's increased prevalence in certain emerging nations or specific locations. The women there might be more aware of the problem and less willing to leave a violent relationship if it were to harm them. [5][8][20][22]. In addition to probable socioeconomic factors influencing IPV rates, studies show that "Childhood victimization and domestic violence are highly correlated" and that women

injured by childhood trauma may experience long-lasting negative effects. [18].

These beliefs play a role in shaping the social environment in which IPV against women occurs, either promoting or discouraging such violence. (Carlson et al. 2005 & Copp et.al.2019) According to research, opinions toward intimate partner violence and the likelihood of marital misuse are strongly correlated. One of the main markers of intimate partner violence (IPV) is one's attitude toward it, according to Gage et al. (2006) and Jewkes et al. (2002). The likelihood of spousal abuse is strongly correlated with attitudes regarding intimate partner violence, according to Doe (2000) and Straus (2004). (Straus's 2004) According to the International Dating Violence Study's findings, as the number of college students who abuse a dating partner rises, so does the proportion of them who accept physical aggression. Women who support IPV may be more vulnerable to persistent abuse than those who do not (Gage, 2005). Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is predicted by men's attitudes on accepting wife abuse, according to Abrahams et al. (2004) and Sambisa et al. (2010). Johnson and Das (2009) interviewed 2780 men in Bangladesh and discovered that the best predictor of violence was having positive feelings concerning wife bashing. According to the study, men who approved of wife beating had a roughly four-fold higher likelihood of reporting recent domestic abuse than those who did not. Intimate partner violence acceptability within a

community can be used as a barometer for social, cultural, and behavioural change taking place there as society moves toward gender equality (Uthman et al.2009).

The majority of scholars held the belief that attitudes toward IPV played a critical role in the success of violence prevention programs (Abrahams et al.2004 & Fincham et al.2008), despite some writers' claims to the contrary (Lundgren et al.2015) that changes in knowledge and attitudes about IPV may not always lead to changes in people's behaviour. In contrast, developing and underdeveloped nations exhibited a more favourable outlook on IPV. For instance, in a rural Uganda survey, 90% of women and 70% of men believed that IPV could be justified in certain situation (Koenig et al.2003). Approximately 60.1% of men and 61.8% of women in a Palestinian refugee camp in Jordan voiced support for hitting wives, according to a study there. (Khawaja et al.2007). According to studies, similar rates of support for wife beating were observed in Zimbabwe (53%), Ethiopia (74%), and Kenya (62%). In another study conducted in Kenya, 85% of respondents expressed support for such beliefs. Women with lower levels of education were more likely to support Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), according to research that used a random sample of 3911 rural women from the 2003 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS). (Antai & Antai, 2008).

Socio-demographic variable and Attitude towards IPV

Attitudes toward Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) are closely interlinked with age, gender, religion, family type, and education. Age often influences these attitudes, with younger individuals more likely to hold progressive views on gender roles and violence in relationships. Gender plays a significant role, as societal expectations and stereotypes often shape one's perspective on IPV. Religious beliefs can either promote non-violence or, in some cases, perpetuate traditional gender roles, affecting attitudes within religious communities. Depending on whether it fosters communication and empathy or normalizes violence, family upbringing can significantly influence one's stance on IPV. Education acts as a catalyst for change, with higher levels correlating with more progressive attitudes, as it exposes individuals to diverse perspectives. Recognizing these links is vital for crafting effective strategies to combat IPV, such as education programs targeting young people, engaging religious communities to promote non-violence, providing family support, enforcing legal frameworks, and fostering community interventions. By understanding these connections, societies can work towards eradicating IPV and promoting healthier, more equitable relationships. Studies have shown that factors such

as age, region, education, traditional ideas, gender disparity, liberal perspectives on culture, the position of women, parental maltreatment as a child, patriarchal gender roles, and attitudes regarding IPV are positively correlated with Intimate Partner Violence (IPV).

Objectives of Study:

1. To have a better understanding of Students' attitudes toward intimate partner violence.
2. To explore the relationship between students' socio-demographic characteristics and their attitudes toward intimate partner violence.
3. To promote government policies and youth awareness programs address IPV.

Hypothesis

1. There is a strong correlation between students' opinions regarding intimate partner violence and their socio-demographic details.

Scope and Methodology

(i)Research Design: This study explains the relationship between students' social-demographic information and their attitudes regarding intimate partner violence as well as the relationship between those characteristics and those attitudes.

(ii)Universe, Sample & Sampling Frame: The current study aimed to assess the attitudes of students from Gujarat state towards intimate partner violence and their childhood exposure to gender inequality. The study used a four-stage random sampling method to select students aged 20-24 from five universities in Anand, Surat, Gandhinagar, Godhra, and Kutch districts. These districts were randomly chosen from the zones-based districts in Gujarat state. Then, one university was randomly selected from each district. Next, one UG and one PG college were randomly picked from each university. Finally, students were randomly sampled from the colleges' lists. The study applied the proportionate sampling technique to determine the UG & PG proportion.

(iii)Tools of Data Collection: The interview schedule covers all the relevant topics to collect the demographic information of the respondents. Standardized scales measured the respondents' attitudes toward intimate partner violence:

Attitudes towards Intimate Partner Violence Scale by Kai Lin et al.

Results and Discussion:

The study aimed to investigate attitudes regarding intimate partner violence in Gujarat. It included three indicators: physical abuse, psychosocial abuse, and sexual abuse. The findings of the study revealed a clear variation in attitudes towards intimate partner violence in Gujarat. It was seen in the opinions of boys and girls. Age, gender, religion, family structure, marital status, course of study, and stream of study were among the socio-demographic factors investigated for the study of the respondents.

Table 1 illustrates that there is a difference in attitudes towards physical abuse in most boys and girls. According to most boys and girls, physical restraints, finger twisting, hitting, and slapping are physical abuse. These findings reflect a positive trend in acknowledging and condemning physical

abuse, indicating a shared understanding among most boys and girls that certain behaviours are unacceptable within relationships. Such awareness can be a crucial step towards fostering healthier and more respectful interactions in future relationships.

Table-1 Showing Attitudes towards physical abuse of respondents

Physical Abuse	Agree(Abuse)	
	Male N (%)	Female N (%)
Held down/physically restrained	253(95.8)	276(97.2)
Hit or slapped or punched	228(86.4)	226(85.6)
Pushed/shoved/grabbed/kicked	155(58.7)	220(77.5)
Twisted partner's arm or bent fingers back	247(93.6)	273(96.1)
Used weapon (knife or gun) against partner	220(83.3)	260(91.5)
Threw objects at partner	140(53.0)	174(61.3)

Source by Kai Lin et al.

Table 2 shows that a majority of boy's and girls' attitudes shows (86.4 percent and 84.5 percent, respectively) that searching, damaging, or destroying a partner's property, threatening to stop giving financial assistance, or threatening their reputation are all forms of psychosocial abuse. These findings indicate a strong consensus among

both genders regarding what behaviors are classified as psychosocial abuse within intimate relationships. Such a shared understanding can serve as a foundation for recognizing and addressing psychosocial abuse, promoting healthier relationship dynamics, and fostering a culture of respect and empathy among young people.

Table-2 Showing Attitudes towards Psychological Abuse of respondents

Psychological Abuse	Agree(Abuse)	
	Male N (%)	Female N (%)
<i>Prevented partner from working</i>	55(20.8)	45(15.8)
<i>Took pay check/ Salary</i>	32(12.1)	29(10.2)
<i>Called names, insulted, swore at, or treated disrespectfully in front of others</i>	94(35.6)	135(47.5)
<i>Threatened to physical hurt</i>	153(57.9)	208(73.2)
<i>Threatened suicide if partner wants to leave</i>	55(20.8)	55(19.4)
<i>Frequently threatened to leave or divorce partner</i>	74(28.0)	123(43.3)
<i>Searched through or destroyed/damaged partner's things</i>	228(86.4)	240(84.5)
<i>Follow when she/he doesn't know it</i>	106(40.2)	111(39.0)
<i>Threatened to stop providing financial support</i>	225(85.2)	231(81.3)
<i>Did or said something to spite partner</i>	202(76.5)	217(76.4)
<i>Threatened reputation</i>	227(85.9)	239(84.2)
<i>Hurt or killed partner's pet (s)</i>	99(37.5)	69(24.3)
<i>Not allow partner to visit/talk with family or friends</i>	219(82.9)	222(78.2)

Source by Kai Lin et al.

Table 3 show that many boys and girls attitudes do not support sexual abuse. The majority of boys and girls (84.1 percent and 84.2 percent) agreed that forced sex or sexual activities are sexual abuse. This consensus is a positive sign of awareness and agreement regarding the boundaries

and norms of sexual consent within relationships. It signifies a shared understanding that coercion or force in sexual matters is unacceptable and constitutes abuse. Such a collective recognition is essential for promoting consent, respect, and healthy sexual relationships while combating sexual abuse.

Table-3 Showing Attitudes towards sexual abuse of respondents

Sexual Abuse	Agree(Abuse)	
	Male N (%)	Female N (%)
<i>Forced sex or sexual activities</i>	222(84.1)	239(84.2)

Source by Kai Lin et al.

Table 4 show that most of Sexual abuse seems to be strongly associated with domains of Social Demographic namely age, gender, religion,

marital status, course in studying and stream of the study; physical abuse link with gender, marital

status and stream of the study or psychosocial abuse

relevant types of family and stream of the study.

Table: 4 Correlation between Social Demographic details & Attitudes towards Intimate Partner Violence

		Physical Abuse	Psychosocial Abuse	Sexual Abuse
Age	<i>Pearson Correlation</i>	-.035	.076	.111**
	<i>Sig. (2-tailed)</i>	.411	.074	.009
	<i>N</i>	550	550	550
Gender	<i>Pearson Correlation</i>	-.177**	-.073	.024
	<i>Sig. (2-tailed)</i>	.000	.086	.579
	<i>N</i>	550	550	550
Religion	<i>Pearson Correlation</i>	.007	-.081	.104*
	<i>Sig. (2-tailed)</i>	.869	.057	.015
	<i>N</i>	550	550	550
Type of family	<i>Pearson Correlation</i>	.048	.096*	-.146**
	<i>Sig. (2-tailed)</i>	.257	.025	.001
	<i>N</i>	550	550	550
Marital status	<i>Pearson Correlation</i>	.104*	.058	.402**
	<i>Sig. (2-tailed)</i>	.015	.172	.000
	<i>N</i>	550	550	550
Course in Studying	<i>Pearson Correlation</i>	-.035	.076	.111**
	<i>Sig. (2-tailed)</i>	.411	.074	.009
	<i>N</i>	550	550	550
Stream of the Study	<i>Pearson Correlation</i>	.111**	.209**	-.209**
	<i>Sig. (2-tailed)</i>	.009	.000	.000
	<i>N</i>	550	550	550
** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).				
* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).				

Conclusion and Recommendation

Highlights a significant alignment in the attitudes of boys and girls regarding physical abuse. The recognition that physical restraints, finger twisting, hitting, and slapping constitute physical abuse is a promising sign. However, it is essential to continue educating both genders about the importance of recognizing and rejecting all forms of physical violence within relationships. This common understanding can serve as a foundation for promoting non-violence and mutual respect among young people. A strong consensus among boys and girls regarding psychosocial abuse, with a notable majority recognizing behaviors like damaging property, threatening financial assistance, or tarnishing one's reputation as forms of abuse. These findings suggest that there is already a shared awareness of the detrimental impact of psychosocial abuse within intimate relationships. Building upon this consensus, it is crucial to empower young individuals with tools to identify and address such abuse effectively. The results reveal encouraging attitudes among both boys and girls concerning sexual abuse. The majority recognizing forced sex or sexual activities as sexual abuse demonstrates a shared understanding of the importance of consent and respect in sexual relationships. To reinforce these attitudes, comprehensive education on consent and healthy sexual relationships should be a priority in youth programs.

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Identity and heritage, Kolha tribes in Keonjhar district

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Abstract

The Kolha tribes, who are located in the Keonjhar area of India, are an indigenous society that is really one of a kind. They have a rich culture legacy that is intricately entwined with their historical origins. By focusing on the most important components, this abstract captures the core of the identity as well as their ancestry. It investigates their historical beginnings, cultural traditions, socioeconomic concerns, and continuous attempts to conserve and promote their history in the present day. There is also discussion of the Kolha people's connection with their land and resources, as well as their traditional knowledge and traditions. In addition, the abstract emphasises the significance of working together to confront their difficulties and empowering themselves, and it describes viable pathway for the sustainable growth of their community. It is essential to have an awareness of and a commitment to preserving the identity and legacy of the Khola tribes in order to ensure the continued health of India's vibrant cultural tapestry and the survival of this underserved population.

Keywords: Kolha tribes, Keonjhar district, indigenous community, cultural heritage, socioeconomic challenges, land rights, traditional knowledge, empowerment, preservation, sustainable development.

Introduction

Kolha Tribe

The Kolha tribes of Odisha state, primarily found in the Keonjhar district, have a rich and distinctive cultural heritage. Residing in the Bhuyan hills and neighboring regions such as Nayagarh and

Chamakpur, the Kolha tribes have their own tribal dialect and maintain their unique customs and traditions. This article discusses in details about the origin, history, culture, and society of the Kolha tribe, shedding light on their present situation and settlements across India.



Kolha Tribe of Odisha

Origin and Migration of Kolha Tribes: The Kolha tribes, also known as Kol, Kol-Loharas, and Ho, belong to the same ancestral stock as the Munda and Mundari tribes. Historical evidence suggests that the Kolha tribe migrated from Jharkhand and still maintain marriage ties with their counterparts in that region. They have gradually spread outward, settling in various areas of Odisha, including Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, and Balasore.

Culture of Kolha Tribe: The Kolha tribe's culture is rich in artistic expression, with their homes adorned with paintings of animals and plants. Music and dance play a significant role in their festivities, with women taking the lead in dancing

while men play drums and sing. Their vibrant cultural traditions are an integral part of their social fabric.

Languages Spoken by Kolha Tribes: The Kolha tribes converse with each other in various languages, including Hindi and Oriya. However, they have also developed their own tribal dialect, which is predominantly used within their community.

Occupation and Lifestyle of Kolha Tribe: The primary occupation of the Kolha tribe is paddy cultivation. They rely on agricultural activities to sustain their livelihoods. Additionally, they engage in wage labor, working as field laborers for affluent

farmers known as 'mulias.' It is common for them to receive advance payment from their employers, who are referred to as 'sahas.'

Traditional Practices among Kolha Tribes: The Kolha tribes hold a deep spiritual and religious orientation. They observe the customs and rituals of Hinduism, and specific elements of their environment hold great reverence for them. The 'Sajana' tree, mustard oil, paddy, and dogs are considered sacred in their culture. Furthermore, they have their own tribal deities, such as Sing Bonga, Nagea Bonga, Marang Bonga, Basgea Bonga, Borum Bonga, and Sendra Bonga, whom they propitiate through the traditional priest known as Dehuri.

Society of the Kolha Tribe: Kolha settlements are typically unclan and homogenous, with families predominantly following a nuclear, patrilocal, and patrilineal structure. While monogamy is the prevalent form of marriage, polygyny exists in some cases. Marriage through negotiation, known as 'Andi,' is considered prestigious. The payment of a bride price, known as 'Gonam,' is customary and can be made in cash or kind, often in the form of cows and goats. Cross cousin marriage, junior levirate, junior sororate, and remarriage of widows and widowers are permitted. Other forms of marriage include capture ('oportipi'), mutual consent ('Raji Khushi'), and intrusion ('Anadar'). Birth is observed for a period of seven days, and burial is the traditional practice for the deceased.

Present Settlements of Kolha Tribe: The Kolha tribe continues to exist and thrive in various settlements across India. While they are primarily concentrated in the Keonjhar district of Odisha, they also have a presence in Mayurbhanj and Balesore. Despite the challenges faced by many tribal communities in terms of education and academic proficiency, the Kolha tribe has preserved its cultural heritage and traditions. However, it is important to note that the present situation of the Kolha tribe is influenced by various factors, including modernization, socio-economic changes, and the impact of development projects in their regions. As India progresses towards industrialization and urbanization, the Kolha tribe faces both opportunities and challenges. On one hand, modern education and improved infrastructure provide them with better access to resources and services. On the other hand, these changes can disrupt their traditional way of life and pose a threat to their cultural identity.

Efforts have been made by the government and non-governmental organizations to uplift the Kolha tribe and address their specific needs. Initiatives include promoting education among tribal children, providing healthcare facilities, and implementing programs for skill development and income generation. These efforts aim to strike a

balance between preserving their cultural heritage and empowering them to participate in the changing socio-economic landscape. Despite the progress, it is essential to ensure that development interventions are inclusive of the challenges faced by tribal communities like the Kolha tribe. Preserving their language, customs, and traditional knowledge should be prioritized, as these aspects are integral to their identity and sense of belonging.

Conclusion:

The Kolha tribes of Keonjhar district whose identity and heritage practices have been studied at length, have a rich and distinctive history and present. The research used an anthropological method to learning about their language, customs, beliefs, celebrations and artistic expressions, as well as their social organisation.

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Natural Disasters and Disaster Management: A Geographical Study

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Abstract:

We can see changes happening continuously on the surface of the earth. Sometimes those changes are good and sometimes they are harmful to humans and the environment. We call them disasters. Disasters can occur for two reasons. One is natural calamity and the other is man-made calamity. Recently, in this age of science and technology and the progress of industrialization, human beings have interfered with the natural elements to a great extent. Due to this, the number of natural and man-made disasters on earth has increased tremendously. Due to this coming calamity, life and financial losses are huge. So it is necessary to manage these calamities on time. For this purpose, the government is implementing many schemes at the national level. An attempt has been made to study those schemes in the said research paper.

KeyWords -Natural Hazards, Disaster Management

Introduction:

A natural disaster is a naturally occurring event that has harmful effects on humans and the environment, there are mainly two types of natural disasters. Natural Hazards is devoted to original research work on all aspects of natural hazards, including the forecasting of catastrophic events, risk management, and the nature of precursors of natural and technological hazards.

- i) Geophysical hazards
- ii) Biological hazard

Geophysical disasters mainly include earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis, floods, cyclones, droughts, coastal erosion, etc. Includes events. Ultimately, whatever the disaster may be, it has a devastating impact on humans and the environment. That is why disaster management is needed to overcome the situation created during these disasters and it has been tried to be studied in this research paper. In this, disaster management, its importance, disaster management and government response plan, National Disaster Management Act have been studied. Natural hazards are extreme natural events that can cause loss of life, extreme damage to property and disrupt human activities. Some natural hazards, such as flooding, can happen anywhere in the world.

Objectives

- i) To study the impact of natural calamities
- ii) To study the importance and measures of disaster management.

Information Collection and Research System (Methodology):

The information collected in the present research essay has been collected in the form of

secondary data. E.g. Internet, various reference books etc.

Origin of the problem:

Global disaster reports show that even in today's 21st century. Humans are facing many types of natural calamities. Due to scientific progress Although human knowledge has increased tremendously, it has not been possible to completely overcome natural calamities. On the contrary, there has been an increase in the number and severity of such disasters. During the period 1994 to 1998, the annual average of Matha natural disasters was 428 and during the period 1999 to 2003, their annual average was 707. This shows the increase in the number of disasters.

Subject Description:

- Today the entire world is facing various types of natural calamities. In this, millions of people die at a time due to earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis etc. Sometimes villages and towns are destroyed. Agriculture suffers.
 - 1881 - Tokyo (Japan)
 - 1885 Rikatoa (Indonesia)
 - 1899 - Kutch (Gujarat)
 - 1906 San Francisco
 - 1935 - Bihar
 - 1950 - Assam
 - 1967 - Koyna
 - 1993 - Killari (Latur)
 - 2014 – Malin (Pune)
 - 2023 – Ershalwadi (Raigarh)

The impact of the earthquake at the place was huge on the people and the environment there. Also due to storms like Nilofar and Fan, huge financial losses were also caused, due to which the need for disaster management was created and its

scope was not limited but it was converted into a law.

What is disaster management?

Disaster management is the systematic measures taken to overcome or recover from any natural or man-made disaster. Process refers to the series of steps or basic functions necessary to get the things done. Management is a process because it performs series of functions, like, planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling in a sequence.

In disaster management, there is a system for predicting natural disasters, pre-planning the measures to be taken during the disaster, giving advance warning of such natural disaster to the people in the region prone to disaster, providing timely help to the people in disaster, providing all kinds of support to them, giving them relief and Systematic rehabilitation of them etc, things get involved.

Level of Development and Disaster Management:-

The direct experience of disaster management in different countries of the world shows that there is a direct relationship between the level of human development and disaster management. Countries with high levels of human development are able to carry out disaster management effectively. On the contrary, countries with a low level of human development are not able to properly plan disaster management, so the amount of damage caused by disasters is very large in countries with a low level of human development. Between 1994 and 2003, the number of people who died due to natural disasters in Asian countries was 4 lakh 80 thousand. On the contrary, during the same period, the number of people in European countries who died due to natural disasters was 65 thousand.

Neglect of pre-planning:-

One thing that is clear in the context of disaster management is that all the damage caused by disasters is to some extent preventable. But due to lack of pre-planning or neglect by the government system and the people, the severity of the calamity is further increased. It has to be said that the importance of this thing is still not recognized by people especially in developing countries. An experience with natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones is that the maximum loss of life during disasters is caused by the collapse of buildings. In fact, the technique of building such buildings with minimum damage during the above natural calamities has now been known due to the progress of science. People inexorably neglect to adopt it.

Importance of Disaster Management:-

Considering the increasing number of natural calamities on a global scale, the importance

of disaster management cannot be overemphasized. It is now possible for humans to predict certain disasters, such advance planning can effectively deal with the impending disaster. Even during a disaster, there is a need for systematic planning of assistance to the people in distress. If there is no proper planning, there will be many difficulties in the relief work. Many times, people who are seriously injured do not get help in time. This increases the number of deaths.

Rehabilitation of Disaster Victims:-

Rehabilitation of disaster victims is an important part of disaster management. Rehabilitation is of two types-

i) Temporary / Short-Term Rehabilitation:

Temporary or short-term rehabilitation is the temporary or short-term rehabilitation of people affected by natural calamities. A temporary alternative arrangement has to be made for disaster. E.g.- Rescuing people in disaster, providing medicine and water to injured people, providing first aid to them, delivering food items or food packets to people who have lost their household items due to disaster. They need clothes, blankets etc. Providing necessities.

ii) Permanent or long-term resettlement - Planned resettlement is permanent or long-term resettlement aimed at permanently settling the displaced, providing all civil amenities to the displaced persons instead of resettlement. Ud schools, hospitals, community temples, electricity, drinking water, roads etc.

Disaster Management and Government Measures:-

Government of India has now given special attention to disaster management. Considering the increasing incidence of natural calamities in the country, the government has prioritized this issue. In this regard, he has taken various measures. Its details are as follows:-

- i)** Disaster Management High Power Committee,
- ii)** National Disaster Management Agency,
- iii)** National Disaster Management Act 2005,
- iv)** National Disaster Management Authority,
- v)** Assistance from the Center during major calamities,
- vi)** Need assistance to weaker sections,
- vii)** Project Victims Rehabilitation Act 1976,
- viii)** Project Affected Rehabilitation Act 1986.

Conclusion:

The real need of the day is to understand the collective responsibility to properly rehabilitate project victims or disaster victims. Fortunately, due to the progress in science and technology today, tools and techniques have been made available to us to deal effectively with any disaster. Attention should be given to how the available resources can be utilized in a good way in coordination with all the responsible elements of the society. As we have

said in the above discussion, although science and technology have advanced a lot, it is still not possible for humans to completely overcome disasters. On the contrary, the number and intensity of disasters is increasing.

That's why disaster management needs to be prioritized more than ever. If everyone contributes to disaster relief from a humanitarian perspective and is ready to play their part in it, then you will definitely succeed in providing relief to the disaster victims and making their lives bearable.

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Carbon Footprint Reduction in daily travel by Walking practice: One of the form of behavior towards sustainability

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Abstract:

This study was conducted to analyse the reduction of the carbon footprint contributed by the individual transportation for daily travel by emphasizing on using no means of transportation. I by myself is the target individual for this study. Hereby I reported my daily travel behaviour and fuel consumption while roaming around my house and workplace. The fuel consumption data from the daily travel were used to calculate each individual's carbon emission level. The means use for tracking daily steps and calculating Carbon Footprint on individual level includes use of Impact app and Cool The Globe mobile app which is used worldwide. After the analysis, the value of carbon emissions was revealed. Next, I was further encouraged to avoid any means of transport for short distance upto 3 – 4 km. The analysis of data recorded showed that there was a significant difference in fuel consumption if I used to travel by using any mode of travelling for roaming around. This indicates that the our daily single step can reduce carbon footprint considerably contributing majorly towards Environmental Sustainability.

Keywords: Carbon Footprint, Environmental Sustainability, Impact application, Cool the Globe application

Introduction -

One of the major sector that contributes to the Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) emissions is transportation. In terms of carbon footprint, transportation is among the major contributors of high carbon intensity in the urban as well as in rural area. Climate change is now a days major issue of our concern. It has reflected in long term shift in temperature and weather pattern. All over the world climate change is reflected in terms of heat wave, floods, severe storms, droughts conditions, loss of floral and Faunal species, food scarcity, warming and rising ocean level. To fight against these life threatening implications effective measures are implemented since two decades. These efforts so taken are by the community who is either ecologist, environmentalists, enthusiasts only thus are to the limited extent.

One of the major cause of climate change is increasing temperature level day by day. This is due to greenhouse gas and carbon emissions. The Kyoto protocol covers six categories of GHG emissions: carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride

(SF₆). [01] Among all these greenhouse gases CO₂ is the gas which emitted globally with largest proportion [02]. GHG have ability to trap solar radiations which warms up Earth atmosphere. Anthropogenic activities continues to emit greenhouse gases, the global temperature is rising and thus leading to Extreme climate change. [03] Thus efforts in promoting awareness for carbon footprint reduction can be achieved by adopting an individual consistent walking practice for nearby transportation needs. It also provides opportunity for exercise and keeps health related risks away.

Objective -

The aim of this study is to explore community based sustainable behavior like walking can contribute in reducing the carbon emissions considerably thus ultimately preventing the climate change.

This study helped to look for maintaining consistency in sustainable practices like walking. Thus the period of almost 24 months was taken into consideration and daily steps were counted with the help of mobile app. The daily travelling journey includes to and fro between home to workplace and sometimes to marketplace.

Methodology -

In this study, I was the target participant. Study was based on my consistent walking practice to reach workplace. Observations were noted down for period of minimum 2 years. To count daily steps Impact mobile app was used. This app not only count daily steps. This app pays monetary help to registered NGO against your steps. Corporate partners fund the NGO projects with their corporate social responsibility (CSR) budget. A cause campaign goes live on the app as soon as a charity amount is placed by the company. Once the cause is live, you just walk and jog every day to achieve the charity goal. When the caused is 100% completion funding agency sends money to NGO. NGO shares the project report after the usage of the fund. With the help of this app I was able to count my daily steps intern the distance travelled in kilometer and the money collected against it was utilized for social cause.

The second app which was utilized was "Cool The Globe" app is currently used by 110

countries. Users uptill now are 46086 and analysis done with the help of this app says 10 lacs kg of GHG emission is avoided uptill nw. Pune based girl Prachi Shevgaonkar ,the designer of this app got shortlisted to attend United Nations Climate Change conference COP 27 in 2022 at Egypt for her work in initiating impactful climate actions. This app helped me to calculate my own carbon footprint with the help of data from Impact app i. e. distance travelled by me every day to reach the destination. It calculates your carbon footprint by considering where is factors like usage of nonrenewable fossil fuels like petrol,diesel, CNG, LPG, fuel oil, coal etc. With use of this too mobile apps daily I was able to calculate my daily carbon footprint if I supposed to travel by two wheeler or four wheeler running on either Petrol diesel or CNG.

Observations:

Daily steps were counted with the help of "Impact app" along with saved carbon emission calculated with the help of "Cool the Globe app".

Table No. 1 Month wise Daily steps count along with distance travelled in km.

Sr. No.	Assessment Period	Month wise total no. of Steps	Dist. Travelled in km
1	Jan. 2022	152570	115.18
2	Feb. 2022	141413	106.77
3	Mar-22	80718	61.33
4	Apr-22	185266	140.06
5	May-22	214328	163.26
6	Jun-22	205450	161.63
7	Jul-22	157092	125.5
8	Aug-22	195852	156.8
9	Sep. 2022	127113	100.5
10	Oct. 2022	68891	54.1
11	Nov. 2022	134133	106.4
12	Dec. 2022	100507	78.8
13	Jan. 2023	122695	98.9
14	Feb.2023	171097	138.9
15	Mar-23	140710	113.6
16	Apr-23	109330	86.3
17	May-23	114410	99.1
18	Jun-23	141977	115.2
19	Jul-23	75780	62.6
20	Aug-23	197522	171.6
21	Sep. 2023	145497	119.2
22	Oct. 2023	203809	167
23	Nov. 2023	202163	162.6
24	Dec. till date	109970	90.3
25	Total	3498293	2795.63

Result and Analysis:

* GHG emission factor for Petrol: 2.297 kg CO₂ eq. /lit

\$ GHG emission factor for CNG: 2.72 kg CO₂ eq. /kg

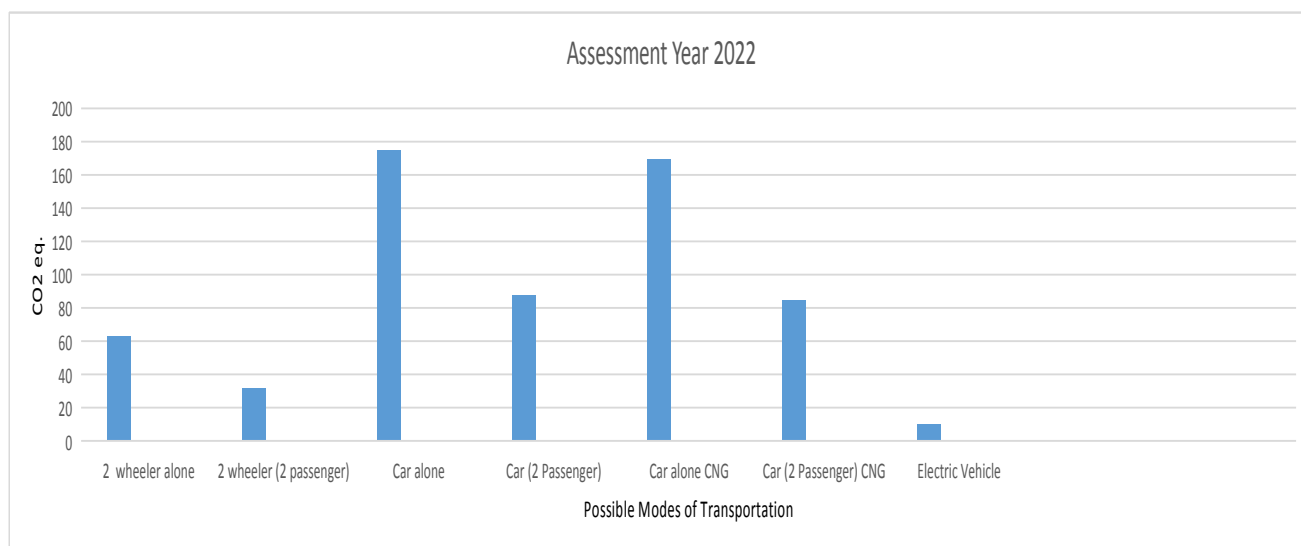
@ GHG emission from Electricity: 0.72 kg CO₂ eq. /kWh

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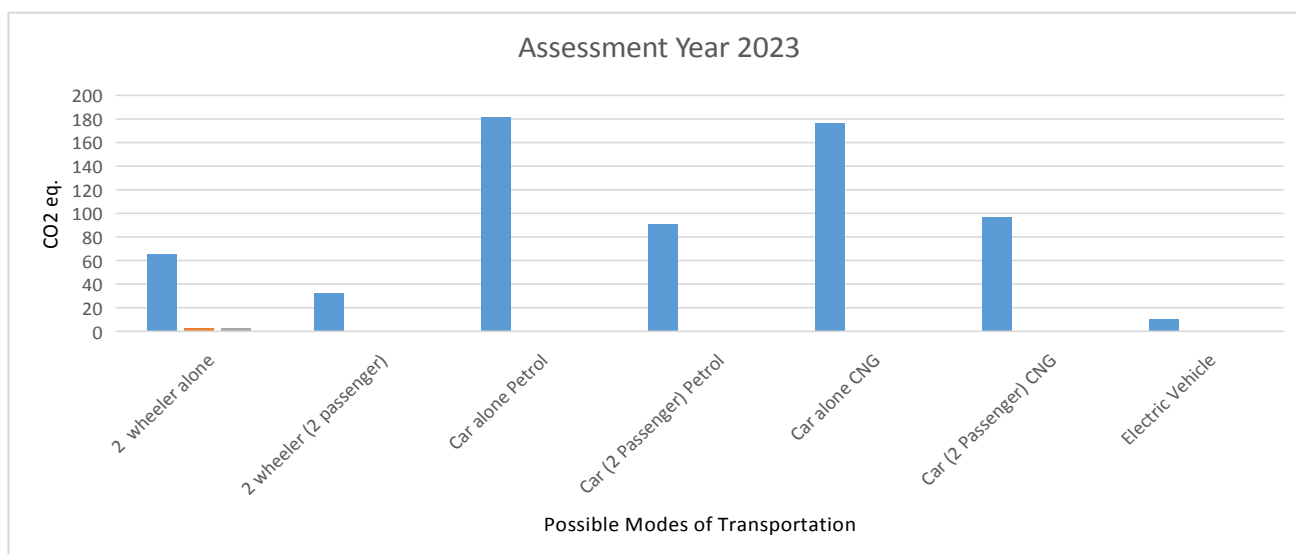
Table No. 2. Possible modes of transportation with amount of CO₂ eq. Released

Possible Modes of transportation	Assessment Year 2022	Assessment Year 2023
Dist. Travelled	1370.33	1425.30
2 wheeler alone *(Mileage 50 km/lit)	62.94	65.46
2 wheeler (2 passenger) *(Mileage 50 km/lit)	31.47	32.73
Car alone * (Mileage 18 km/lit)	174.82	181.84
Car 2 Passenger * (Mileage 18 km/lit)	87.41	90.92
Car alone \$ (Mileage 22 km/lit)	169.38	176.18
Car 2 Passenger \$ (Mileage 22 km/lit)	84.69	96.9
Electric Vehicle (Irrespective of Carbon emission during manufacturing) @ (Mileage 100 kWh)	9.86	10.26

Graphical Representation :



a. Amount of CO₂ kg eq. released with possible modes of transportation during assessment year 2022



b. Amount of CO₂ kg eq. released with possible modes of transportation during assessment year 2022

Impact and Cool the Globe Application Interface

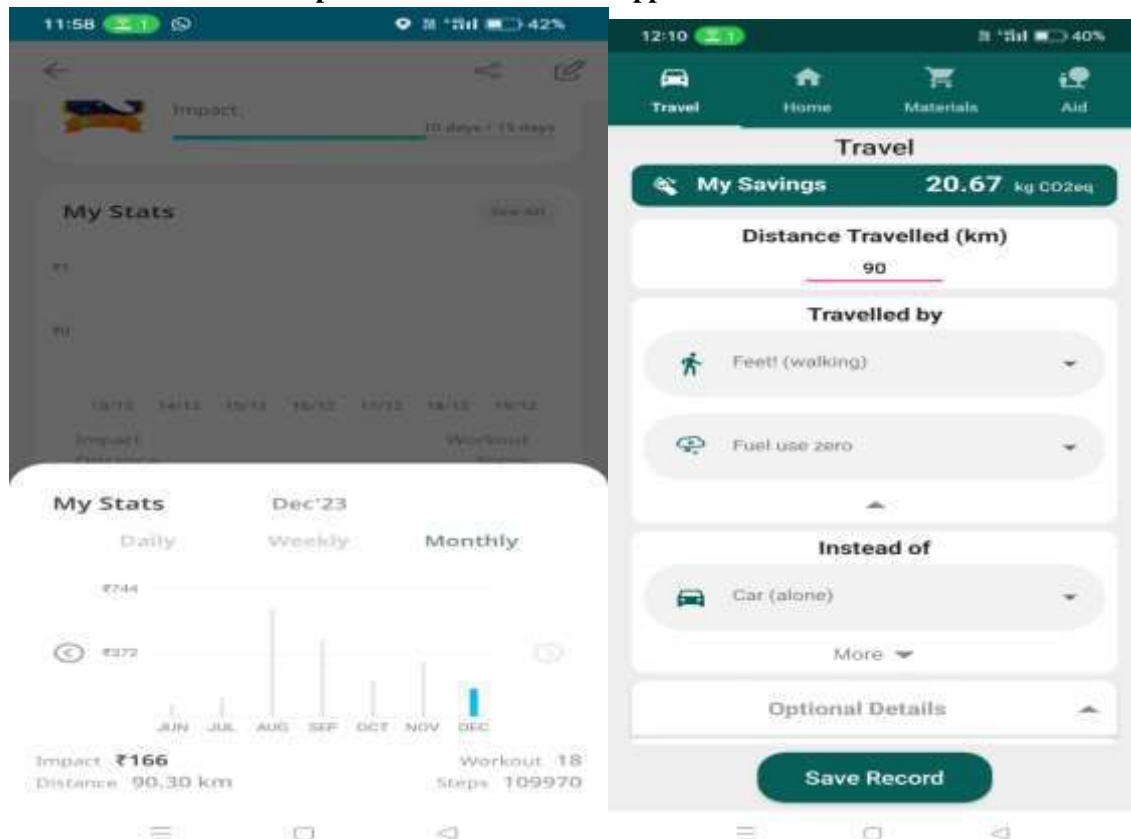
**Conclusion -**

Table no. 1 and 2 along with graphical representations a and b shows that your single step daily can minimize individual's carbon footprint. As an individual we can switch to low emission lifestyle. Global goal is to reduce CO₂ emissions to zero by 2050. Current CO₂ emissions are around 35 billion tonnes.

For travelling to short distance by implementing consistent walking practice will be one of the solution to reduce carbon emissions. But limitation is the lack of awareness and negligence. The monetary amount donated by Impact app gave me an opportunity to contribute for noble social cause. This study was rather enlightening and gave me dual satisfaction as I was able to avoid carbon emission along with keeping myself fit and fine by consistent walking practice.

So also use of public transport, carpooling, bike pooling can be the other ways by which traffic and other pollution related issues can be resolved to certain extent.

Thus it is hereby requested that such consistent walking practice should be adopted to live healthy and pollution free lifestyle.

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“socio-economic condition of migrants slum dwellers in jind city”

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Abstract:

This article presents a description of the migration and labor force characteristics of Jind slum areas. Migrated slum areas were both similar and different from one another. Dharavi slum had a large migrant population and a more integrated community structure. Migrants were mostly external migrants from Uttar and Andhra Pradesh. Most of the migrants in Jind slums area have come from Chittorgarh region of Rajasthan. Slum dwellers move from one place to another place in search of work and starts living by building their huts on the vacant land. Almost all the countries have faced the hardship of COVID-19, in which migrants have face the most difficulties, due to the lockdown, the daily wage laborers (urban poor and migrant laborer) were left with no work. At the same time, the restrictions of the lockdown banned the movement of buses and trains. With factories and workplaces shut due to the nationwide lockdown, lakhs of migrant worker faced loss of income, food shortages and uncertainty about their future many people also faced police violence when they came out of their homes. In this people have to face many challenges of health facilities, high poverty rate etc. Rural migrants faced many social impacts during COVID-19, especially during the lockdown as rural migrants resorted to home remedies to cope with the hardship related to COVID-19. COVID-19 has affected the social-economic conditions to a great level. On 20 June 2020, the government launched “Garib Kaylan Rozgar Abiyan” for the welfare of migrants. Despite the encouragement, many laborers are hesitant to back to urban areas. Due to migration in urban areas, along with the increase in population in the cities, slums are also formed.

Keywords: Migration, Covid-19, Socio-Economic, Slum

Introduction:-

Rural-Urban migration plays an important role in poverty reduction and economic development. Migrant Slums are at the bottom of the socio-economic category across the world. Occasional fights in slums can at times create law and order problems. The migrant’s slum population is vulnerable to indulging in petty crimes and creating ruckus. On the front, the slum population is clearly the most marginalized. However, the migrant slum population is generally below the poverty line. Migrant Slum settlement is defined as a low residential area, which has developed without legal right to the land or permission from the concerned authorities to build, and as a result, of their illegal status, infrastructure and services are usually inadequate (UN-Habitat 2003). According to the United Nations (2014) it is envisaged that 66 percent of world’s population likely to be lived in urban areas by 2050. The phenomenon of urbanization has borne migrated slum areas and squatter settlements; it is due to bad governance by the government and authorities (United Nations, 2014). India at 32 percent where there maximum population living in slums and squatters settlements (ADB, 2012). The socio-economic condition of the migrant slum area is very poor and

there have no basic amenities, house, education, source of the income. The illegal settlement varies widely from country to country and depends on various parameters. Broadly, it is explained as a residential area in an urban area inhabited by very poor people who are not able to acquire land space of their own. Migrant Slum area is a heavily populated and dirty place with unhygienic condition in the city. It is the circle of poverty and their population is backward, socially and economically is condition very worst. Migrant slum are considered to be the measure issue within many urban areas; problem related to transportation, population, health, hygiene, water supply, drainage system, electricity condition, level of income, poor housing conditions and amenities. This bad situation shows the misgovernance of the country. The Migrant slum settlements are overcrowded in all developing countries; those with the number of dwellings on small land with a large population and the number of family members living in a single unit. On 20 June 2020, the government launched “Garib Kaylan Rozgar Abiyan” for the welfare of migrants. Despite the encouragement, many laborers are hesitant to back to urban areas. Due to migration in urban areas, along with the increase in population in the cities, slums are also formed. Due to the

increase of population in cities, ground water gets depleted, air pollution due to more vehicles, noise pollution etc. have a bad effect on the environment. Due to the increase in the urban population, the piles of garbage are increasing in the cities, which are having a bad effect on the environment and human health. These huge figures are more than the entire population of countries like Argentina, South Africa and Spain. According to Article 21 of Indian Constitution, Health is a basic right for every human being, despite their socio-economic and cultural status.

Migration:

Migration is an important process by which people from certain socio-economic backgrounds migrate to cities and find their way into slums. According to UN, a distinction is made between short-term or temporary migration, covering movements with duration between three and 12 months, and long-term or permanent migration, referring to a change of country of residence for duration of one year or more. - United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Research Gap:

Till now, all the research done regarding Socio-economic condition of Migrants slum dwellers has been done only in big metropolitan cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Faridabad etc. The socio-economic problems were not highlighted the people living in the slums in small towns, so we have tried to bring out their problem by researching the Migrants slums of Jind city urban area. Till now no work has been done on Migrants slums in Jind city of Haryana so that their condition can be exposed, so we have taken Jind city and told the condition of migrant's people living in slum area in Jind city. People told that the health issue, unhygienic condition, open sewers, dumping stations, water problem, educational problem, electricity problem and lack of basic amenities.

Objective:

- 1) To analysis the socio-economic conditions of migrated population of Study area.
- 2) To analysis the causes of migration of Study area.
- 3) To analysis the intra and inter migration of Study area.

Literature Review: Migration, Slums and urban Squalor-A case study of Gandhinagar slum, Mohammed Akhter Ali and Kavita Toran, 15-17 Dec., pp(1-10). This article shows that most of the slum dwellers of Gandhinagar slum have lived here for generations. Most of the migrants who came during the earlier period are also from the vicinity of the Bokal region. The socio-economic condition of slum dwellers is also very poor. Their position is revealed by the pattern of their income and expenditure. **Socio-Economic Factor Related to**

Drinking Water Source and Sanitation in Malaysia, Yuke-Lin Kong and Sondi Sararaks et.all, 29 Oct.2020, PP (1-16). This article shows that Malaysian households had good water and toilet facilities and that household waste management could be proved. Thus, the emphasis should be on increased education for sanitation, access to better water supply and proper waste disposal services among habitats to prevent the spread of infection and improve public health and improve slum areas. **Health Care Situation of Migrant slum Women: Evidence from Sylhet City of Bangladesh, Ayesha Begum, Saibal Das et. all, 1 Jan. 2014, PP (118-134).** Due to rapid urbanization people are migrating from rural areas to urban areas and expect better opportunities which are essential for better life and most disadvantaged section in slums are women who lead the most dreadful life. This study reveals the real status of women in slums, their living condition and their health care status. Apart from this, sanitary condition like throwing garbage here and there is common feature of slums. The major finding of this study shows that the health status of women living in slums is very poor. They are deprived of basic abilities. **Socio-Economic Condition of Climate Migrate Older Women: A Study On Slum Dwellers In Dhaka City, Karisma Amjad, Dec.2018, PP (41-53).** Slum reform not only raises the standard of living of the urban poor but also supports climate change adaptation measures, inadequate facts of food, shelter, sanitation and health care make their lives worse. Older women living in dirty and unhealthy environment are the target group for this research. Rudy reveals the serious need to provide proper facilities and services as basic necessities for their standard of living, the real challenge is to reduce the risk of further poverty of urban poor though planned migration and safe social-economic factors have been suggested.

Data Collection:

The present study is based on primary data. Primary data was collected with the help of a structured schedule questionnaire. All the questions included in the schedule questionnaire prepared for the survey were close ended. Secondary data also collected from municipality offices but this study more focus on primary data collection.

Methodology:

The questionnaire included questions related to socio-economic structure of the family, Migration, Education and health status. A total of 56 households in the study area were surveyed. In order to analyze the collected data, Cross tabulation and percentage method is used to conclusion of the table.

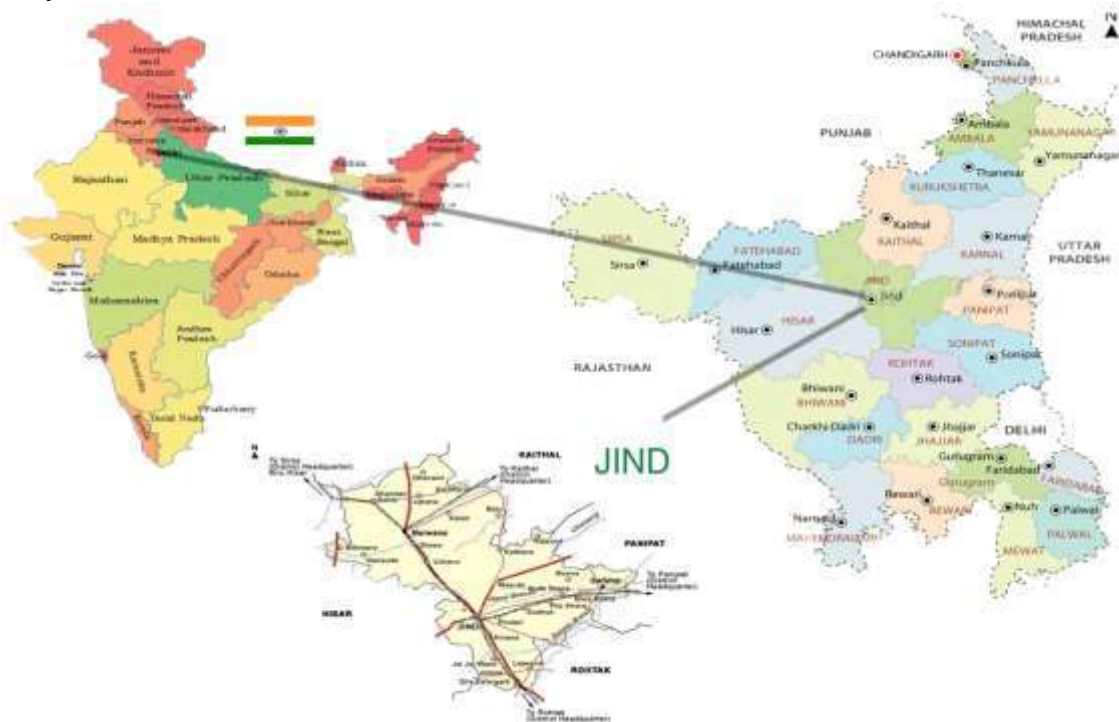
Statement of the Problem:

According to the 2011 Census of India, 65 million people in India live in urban slum spread

across the country. The migrated slum area improvement and clearness Act 1956 defined the squatter/slum area where the building are unfit for human habitation by reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement of street, lack of ventilation, light, sanitation, health problems, education and water supply condition of squatter area is very bad.

Study Area:

Origin of Jind district-It is said that this city was established during the time of Mahabharata. The city of Jind grew up around the temple and was named Jayantpuri (Jayanti Devi) residence, which later came to be known as Jind.



Location: The district is located in Haryana between 29° 03' and 29° 51' North latitude and 75° 53' and 76° 47' East longitude.

Climate: The climate of Jind district can be classified as tropical steppe, semi-arid and hot air, which is mainly dry with very hot in summer and cool in winter, except in the monsoon season when sea moist air is present in the district enters.

Rainfall: The average rainfall in the district is 55 cm; it generally increases from south or south-west to east or northeast. More than 70% of the annual rainfall is received during July to September. On 11 July 1953, Jind recorded 225.5 mm of heavy rainfall in 24 hours.

Temperature: There is no meteorological observatory in Jind. The temperature rises sharply from the beginning of March to June which is the

Result Analysis:

hottest month. The temperature during June is 41 °C and the minimum is around 27 °C.

Humidity: The relative humidity is high during the monsoon season, from July to September. Which is higher in the morning and more in the afternoon? April and May are the driest months of the year.

Geomorphology: Jind district is geographically situated on the north central part of Haryana, Spread from North West to South East direction. It is a part of the Punjab-Haryana plain, which is largely flat and featureless, alluvial deposits of the Pleistocene and Indo-Genetic systems. The action of wind in the past and the role of man in the recent past shaped the district. Has played an important role. This is evident from the fact that the general elevation of the district ranges from 218 m to 239 m above sea level.



Demographic Profile Study Area of Migrants Population

Table No.1

Sex	Number of respondent	Education level	Sex Ratio
Male	45(80.4)	11(24.4)	803.57
Female	11(19.6)	1(2.22)	196.4
Total	56(100)	12	-

Sex	Number of family member	Education level	Sex Ratio
Male	54(33.54)	25(46.29)	335.40
Female	107(66.46)	32(29.90)	664.6
Total	161(100)	57	-

Interpretation: We have study about the Demographic Profile of Study Area in migrated slum and we found that the male sex ratio of

335.40% and female sex ratio of 664.6% in family member and male sex ratio of 803.57% and female sex ratio of 196.4% in family respondent.

Table No.2 Education Profile of study area

Education	Sex		Respondent Education Sex ratio	Children(0-7)above		Children Education Sex Ratio
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Primary	0	0	0	3(4.5)	3(4.5)	100
Secondary	0	0	0	0	1(1.5)	0
Sen. Sec	0	0	0	2(3.03)	1(1.5)	50
Illiterate	34(60.71)	10(10.85)	29.41	12(18.18)	25(37.8)	208.3
Primary, Drop Out	2(3.57)	1(1.79)	50	4(6.06)	7(10.6)	175
Secondary, Drop Out	6(10.71)	0	0	6(9.09)	3(4.5)	50
Sen. Sec, Drop Out	1(1.79)	0	0	3(4.5)	3(4.5)	100
Graduation, Drop Out	1(1.79)	0	0	1(1.5)	0	0
Diploma, Drop Out	1(1.79)	0	0	1(1.5)	0	0
Total	45(87.36)	11(12.64)	79.41	32(50)	34(53.12)	683.3

Interpretation: We have study about the Education Profile of Study Area in migrated slum and we found that most of people were illiterate (71.56) and

maximum male population is illiterate (60.71%).Children sex ratio is 683.3%.Maximum (10.71) male population educated in secondary.

Table No.3 Social Profile of Study area

Caste	Religious	Interaction with other community			
	Hindu	Neutral	Like	Normal	Total
SC	20(35.71)	0	7(12.5)	13(23.21)	20(35.71)
ST	36(64.29)	4(7.14)	0	32(57.14)	36(64.29)
Total	56(100)	4(7.14)	7(12.5)	45(80.35)	56(100)

Interpretation: We have study about the social Profile of Study Area in migrated slum and we found that all peoples are Hindus. Most of (64.29%)

people are belong to ST caste and 23.21% population Interaction normal with other community in ST caste.

Table No.5 Washroom facility of Study area

Washroom Facility	Ventilation		Total
	Own house	Thatched house	
Pit	2(3.57)	0	2(3.57)
Flash	18(32.14)	0	18(32.14)
Open	0	36(64.29)	36(64.29)
Total	20(35.71)	36(64.29)	56

Interpretation: We have study about the washroom facility in migrated slum and we found that most of people in flash washroom and those who have their

own houses. Those who have thatched houses and their washroom are open.

Table No.6 Migration Status of Study area

Migration	Number of respondent	Percentage
Yes	56	100
No	0	0
Total	56	100

Interpretation: We have study about the Migration status of migrated slum area and we found that all population is migrated. They came from one place

to another in search of work and started living in this hut.

Table No.7 Migration certificate of population

Migration Certificate	Number of respondent	%
Yes	0	0
No	56	100
Total	56	100

Interpretation: We have study about the Migration status of migrated slum area and we found that all

population is migrated and all population has no migration certificate.

Table No.8 Comparison between Occupation and Living Standard of Study area

Occupation	Living Standard							
	Ventilation		Thatched house		Water Availability		Electricity	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Labor	18(32.14)	23(41.07)	23(41.07)	18(32.14)	17	23(41.07)	18(32.14)	23(41.07)
Private	1(1.79)	0	0	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	0
Pity Business	0	6(10.71)	6(10.71)	0	0	6(10.71)	0	6(10.71)
Any Other	0	0	0	0	1(1.79)	0	0	0
Labor, Pity Business	1(1.79)	4(7.14)	4(7.14)	1(1.79)	0	4(7.14)	1(1.79)	4(7.14)
Nothing	0	3(4.5)	3(4.5)	0	1(1.79)	3(4.5)	0	3(4.5)
Total	20(35.71)	36(64.29)	36(64.29)	20(35.71)	20(35.71)	36(64.29)	20(35.71)	36(64.29)

Interpretation: We have study about the Economic Profile of Study Area in migrated slum and we found that maximum population house in no

ventilation facility (41.07) and no water (41.07) and electricity facility (23.41%) and their occupation is labor. 41.07% Population is thatched house.

Table No.9 Comparison between Health Status and occupation of Study area

Disease	Labour	Private job	Petty Business	Any other	Labour, Petty Business	Nothing	Total
Normal	16(28.57)	1(1.79)	4(7.14)	1(1.79)	3(5.3)	1(1.79)	26
B.P.	2(3.57)	0	1(1.79)	0	0	1(1.79)	4
Joint Pain	9(16.07)	0	1(1.79)	0	0	2(3.57)	12
T.B.	2(3.57)	0	0	0	1(1.79)	0	3
Back pain	2(3.57)	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sugar	1(1.79)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Appendix	1(1.79)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Asthma, B.P.	2(3.57)	0	0	0	0	0	2
Asthma, B.P., Joint Pain	1(1.79)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Asthma, B.P., Joint Pain, Sugar, T.B.	1(1.79)	0	0	0	0	0	1
B.P., Joint Pain	1(1.79)	0	0	0	0	0	1

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Joint Pain, Brain tumour	1(1.79)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Joint Pain, Sugar	1(1.79)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	40(71.42)	1(1.79)	6(10.71)	1(1.79)	4(7.14)	4(7.14)	56

Interpretation: During Covid-19, we have study about the disease and occupation structure. We Comparison of Disease with their occupation structure and we found that 76.67% people suffer

from Joint pain and they are working the wage of labor and 3.33% people suffering from T.P and they are working the wage of labor and Petty business. The worst disease is to those who do labor work.

Table No.10 Comparison between Annual Income and Education of Study area

Education	(25000-35000)	(36000-45000)	(46000-55000)	(56000-65000)	(66000-75000)	(76000-85000)	(86000-96000)	Zero income	Total	%
Illiterate	11(19.64)	8(14.28)	9(16.07)	6(10.71)	3(5.3)	2(3.57)	4(7.14)	1(1.79)	44	78.57
Primary, Drop out	0	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0	0	0	0	3	5.36
Secondary, Drop out	0	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	2(3.57)	2(3.57)	0	0	6	10.71
Sen. Sec, Drop out	0	0	0	0	1(1.79)	0	0	0	1	1.79
Graduation, Drop out	0	0	0	0	1(1.79)	0	0	0	1	1.79
Diploma, Dropout	0	0	0	0	0	0	1(1.79)	0	1	1.79
Total	11(19.64)	10(17.85)	10(17.85)	8(14.28)	7(12.5)	4(7.14)	5(8.92)	1(1.79)	56	100

Interpretation: We have study about the Economic Profile of Study Area in migrated slum and we found that 5.3% people earning Annual income between (66000-75000) are illiterate and 7.14% of

the people are educated, 1% of those who do not have any income are illiterate. Those who are illiterate have the lowest income.

Table No.9 Comparison between Health Status and occupation of Study area

Disease	Living Standard							
	Ventilation		Thatched house		Water Availability		Electricity	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Normal	7(12.5)	1(1.79)	8(14.29)	4(7.14)	7(12.5)	19(33.92)	4(7.14)	8(14.29)
B.P.	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)
Joint Pain	4(7.14)	8(14.29)	19(33.92)	1(1.79)	4(7.14)	8(14.29)	1(1.79)	19(33.92)
T.B.	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	7(12.5)	1(1.79)	0	7(12.5)	1(1.79)
Back pain	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)
Sugar	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)
Appendix	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	1(1.79)
Asthma, B.P.	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0
Asthma, B.P., Joint Pain	0	19(33.92)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)
Asthma, B.P., Joint Pain, Sugar, T.B.	0	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0
B.P., Joint Pain	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	0	1(1.79)
Joint Pain, Brain tumour	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)
Joint Pain, Sugar	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)	1(1.79)
Total	20(35.71)	36(64.29)	36(64.29)	20(35.71)	20(35.71)	36(64.29)	20(35.71)	36(64.29)

Interpretation: We have study about the Comparison between Health Status and occupation of Study area in migrated slum and we found that maximum population house in no ventilation facility

Conclusion:

The present study represents Socio-Economic Status of migrated slum area in Jind City. A Slum is a person who settles in or occupies a piece of property with no legal claim to the property and lives on a property to which they have no title right or lease. As result they are victims of mental anxiety, restlessness and depression etc. and start consuming intoxicants, falls into bad habits and their attachment to the families begins to fade.

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(33.92%) and no water (33.92%) and no electricity facility (33.92%)) and their health status is very weak. 64.29% Population living in thatched house.

Present study is based on the primary data collected using a structured questionnaire data was calculated. Almost all the migrated slum areas have faced the hardship and migrant's people have faced the most difficulties the daily wage laborers (urban poor and migrant laborer) were left with no work. The migrant worker faced loss of income, food shortages and uncertainty about their future many people also faced police violence. In this people have to face many challenges of health facilities, high poverty

rate etc. Rural migrant's worker faced many social impacts especially during the lockdown as rural migrants resorted to home remedies to cope with the hardship related to COVID-19. COVID-19 has affected the social-economic conditions to a great level. On 20 June 2020, the government launched "Garib Kaylan Rozgar Abiyan" for the welfare of migrants. Due to migration in urban areas, along with the increase in population in the cities, slums are also formed. Due to the increase of population in cities, ground water gets depleted, air pollution due to more vehicles, noise pollution etc. have a bad effect on the environment. Natural disasters are becoming the cause of migration in some areas. Due to migration in urban areas, pollution is also increasing, due to which there is a deep impact on the environment.

Suggestions

Motivate them to study and what is the value of education: To make aware about the value of education and right to education has helped slum children get educated, this has benefitted them by giving them to various opportunities. By bursting their myth that education is the wastage of time and money.

Motivate them to clean their surroundings: The slum improvement program was launched in 1970 to provide water supply, toilets roads drainage and streetlight for the slum dweller. Dumping stations should be built and take your waste to the right place and report illegally dumped waste. Dustbin should be distributed to make them aware of their cleanliness. To make them aware about cleanliness and encourage them to keep their surrounding clean and also giving prizes from time to time to encourage them. Teach children about the cleanliness of their home and surrounding and also to tell others not to throw garbage on the roads or here and there.

Awareness about health facilities and rights in slums areas: Basic health facilities should be providing because they are also related to urban area that reflect the health status of particular city/ urban space. Some basic rights, like education, better health facilities, house conditions and other resource also available to them. The government should send slum children for vocational training such as tailoring, carpentry, making pickles etc. This will help them acquire various skills.

Authorized place should be available from Municipal Corporation: Municipal Corporation develops for residential for slum area there should be authorized by the slum area. A separate fund should be created for their development. Unauthorized slum area built Dumping stations.

Awareness about the disease: Awareness about the govt. Schemes and awareness about the healthcare and health facility. Being aware of a disease and its symptoms means likely to take preventive action and go for tests and screening. Lack of awareness

about diseases or information about screening and treatment options is a serious barrier to good health.

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The Role of Forests in Climate Regulation: Analyzing the Impact of Deforestation on Air Quality and Climate Change

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Abstract:

Deforestation, a prevalent consequence of anthropogenic activities, is a critical factor in the Earth's climate dynamics. This research investigates the multifaceted relationship between forests, air quality, and climate change, aiming to provide a comprehensive analysis of the impacts of deforestation on the atmosphere. Employing a combination of empirical data analysis and sophisticated modeling techniques, the study explores the mechanisms through which deforestation alters air quality by releasing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The research quantifies the extent of these atmospheric changes and assesses their implications for climate patterns on a global scale. By examining the intricate interplay between land-use changes, emissions, and climate feedback loops, this research contributes to a nuanced understanding of the broader environmental consequences associated with deforestation. The findings not only highlight the role of forests as regulators of climate but also underscore the urgency of sustainable land-use practices to mitigate the adverse impacts of deforestation. The research aims to inform policy decisions and conservation strategies, emphasizing the importance of preserving and restoring forest ecosystems as integral components of climate resilience.

Keywords: Deforestation, Climate Regulation, Air Quality, Land-use Dynamics, Climate Patterns, Environmental Consequences, Conservation Strategies, Sustainability.

Introduction:

Deforestation, the extensive clearance of forests for various human activities, stands as a defining environmental challenge of our era. As populations burgeon and demands for resources intensify, vast expanses of forest cover succumb to the axe and saw. The repercussions of this widespread deforestation extend beyond the immediate loss of biodiversity and habitat. It permeates the very fabric of the Earth's climate dynamics, influencing air quality and contributing significantly to global climate change. This research embarks on a journey to unravel the intricate relationship between deforestation, air quality, and climate change, delving into the multifaceted mechanisms that underscore the environmental consequences of human-driven land-use changes.

Forests, often referred to as the lungs of the Earth, play a pivotal role in climate regulation. Through the process of photosynthesis, trees absorb carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere, storing carbon in their biomass and releasing life-enabling oxygen. The intricate dance between forests and the atmosphere has a profound impact on the composition of the air we breathe and the stability of our climate. However, the unchecked expansion of agriculture, logging, and urbanization has disrupted this delicate equilibrium. As trees are felled and ecosystems dismantled, the stored carbon is released

back into the atmosphere in the form of greenhouse gases, notably carbon dioxide. This release intensifies the greenhouse effect, trapping heat in the atmosphere and contributing to the global warming that characterizes contemporary climate change.

The nexus between deforestation and climate change is multifaceted, involving a cascade of environmental processes. Greenhouse gas emissions, particularly carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide, escalate with the destruction of forests. These gases not only contribute to the greenhouse effect but also impact air quality, leading to a complex web of consequences that extend far beyond the borders of deforested regions. The manifestation of these consequences is observed on a global scale, affecting climate patterns, atmospheric conditions, and the overall stability of the Earth's climate system.

As the research unfolds, it aims to underscore the importance of preserving and restoring forest ecosystems as integral components of climate resilience. Conservation strategies must be informed by a thorough understanding of the environmental consequences of deforestation, acknowledging the role that forests play in mitigating climate change and maintaining air quality. By elucidating these connections, this research endeavors to contribute to the global

dialogue on sustainable land use and the imperative of preserving the lungs of our planet for the well-being of current and future generations.

Objectives of the Study:

1. Characterize Air Quality Changes Resulting from Deforestation:

Systematically analyze and characterize the alterations in air quality associated with deforestation, focusing on changes in atmospheric composition and the release of pollutants. This objective aims to provide a detailed understanding of how deforestation contributes to shifts in air quality, encompassing both local and global implications.

2. Quantify the Extent of Climate Change Contribution:

Quantify and assess the extent to which deforestation contributes to climate change by releasing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. This objective involves measuring and modeling the impact of deforestation on key climate parameters, such as temperature, precipitation patterns, and the overall stability of regional and global climate systems. The goal is to provide a comprehensive assessment of the role of deforestation in shaping climate dynamics.

The Role of Forests in Climate Regulation:

Forests play a crucial role in climate regulation by serving as carbon sinks and influencing air quality. Deforestation, the widespread clearing of forests, significantly contributes to climate change and deteriorates air quality. Forests act as natural carbon reservoirs, absorbing atmospheric carbon dioxide through photosynthesis and storing it in trees and soil. Deforestation disrupts this process, releasing stored carbon back into the atmosphere and exacerbating the greenhouse effect. Additionally, trees release oxygen and help maintain a balance in atmospheric gases, directly impacting air quality. The loss of forests contributes to rising temperatures, altered precipitation patterns, and increased frequency of extreme weather events. Analyzing the impact of deforestation underscores the vital role of forests in mitigating climate change and emphasizes the need for sustainable forest management practices to preserve these critical ecosystems and their contributions to a stable climate.

It investigates the critical interplay between forests, atmospheric conditions, and climate stability. Forests act as pivotal regulators of climate by absorbing carbon dioxide during photosynthesis, contributing to climate change mitigation. The study delves into the consequences of deforestation, a major driver of environmental degradation, on both air quality and the broader climate system. Deforestation disrupts the carbon cycle, releasing stored carbon into the atmosphere and intensifying the greenhouse effect. Additionally, the loss of tree

cover affects air quality as forests play a vital role in filtering pollutants and releasing oxygen. This research is integral for informing sustainable land-use practices, conservation efforts, and climate change mitigation strategies, emphasizing the urgent need to preserve forests as indispensable components of a balanced and resilient global ecosystem.

Need and Significance of the Study:

The study on the role of forests in climate regulation is of paramount importance due to its significant implications for global environmental sustainability. Understanding this relationship is crucial for several reasons:

Climate Change Mitigation:

Forests act as vital carbon sinks, sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through photosynthesis. Investigating this process helps in developing effective strategies to mitigate climate change by preserving and enhancing the carbon-capturing capacity of forests.

Biodiversity Conservation:

Forest ecosystems harbor diverse flora and fauna, contributing to overall biodiversity. The study aids in recognizing the intricate connections between biodiversity and climate regulation, emphasizing the need for conservation to maintain ecosystem resilience.

Air Quality Improvement:

Forests play a key role in maintaining air quality by releasing oxygen and filtering pollutants. Researching this aspect informs policies that prioritize forest preservation as a means of sustaining clean and healthy air.

Ecosystem Services:

Forests provide various ecosystem services, including water regulation, soil fertility, and climate regulation. Understanding these services enables the development of sustainable practices that balance human needs with the preservation of essential ecological functions.

Global Policy Development:

The study informs international climate change policies, influencing decisions related to deforestation, afforestation, and reforestation efforts. It provides a scientific basis for formulating strategies that address climate change on a global scale.

Community Resilience:

Many communities depend on forests for their livelihoods. Investigating the role of forests in climate regulation helps in designing strategies that promote sustainable forest management, ensuring the well-being of local communities while preserving environmental integrity.

In essence, the study on the role of forests in climate regulation is essential for devising informed policies, fostering sustainable practices, and promoting global cooperation to address the

pressing challenges of climate change and environmental degradation.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this study underscores the critical importance of forests in climate regulation and the far-reaching consequences of deforestation on air quality and climate change. Our findings reveal a complex web of interactions, highlighting the multifaceted role that forests play in maintaining environmental equilibrium. The analysis of deforestation's impact on carbon sequestration, atmospheric composition, and regional climate patterns demonstrates the urgency of addressing this global challenge. The observed release of stored carbon into the atmosphere following deforestation intensifies the greenhouse effect, contributing to global warming. Additionally, the alteration of air quality parameters, including increased concentrations of pollutants, poses immediate threats to human health and ecosystem well-being.

This research not only quantifies the extent of environmental degradation but also provides valuable insights for policymakers, emphasizing the need for sustainable land-use practices and conservation efforts. Mitigating deforestation emerges as a crucial strategy for climate change mitigation and air quality preservation. As we navigate the complexities of environmental stewardship, a concerted global effort is imperative to safeguard our forests and, in turn, secure a stable and sustainable future for our planet.

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Exploring the Interplay between Literature and the Environment

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Abstract:

The connection between literature and the environment is acutely rooted in writers' ability to draw inspiration from the natural world, giving their stories a thoughtful significance that goes beyond narrative. This complex and symbiotic connection includes themes that span the spectrum of ecological considerations, sustainability and the complex relationships between humans and the environment. Whether through the expressive lines of poetry, the complex plots of novels, or the thoughtful prose of essays, writers have continually sought to express the complex relationship between humans and the world. Nature is not relegated to an inactive context; it actively shapes characters, influences plot trajectories, and serves as a symbolic reflection of the countless facets of human experience.

The thematic study of literature goes beyond mere aesthetic appreciation to include pressing environmental issues. Ecological concerns infuse the pages of literary works, drawing attention to the beauty of varied ecosystems, the susceptibility of endangered species, and the consequences of human-induced environmental deprivation. Literature in this situation emerges as an influential tool of advocacy and awareness, forcing readers to connect and reflect on the delicate balance between humanity and the environment. Sustainability also plays an important role in literary discourse, encouraging readers to think about ethical choices and promoting a sense of responsibility to preserve our planet. As literature explores the interconnection between humanity and nature, it serves not only as a mirror reflecting our relationship with the environment, but also as a medium to shape attitudes, inspire change, and foster collective commitment to protection of nature.

Keywords: Literature, Environment, Nature, Transformative power, Harmony, Imagination, Eco-centric literature.

Introduction:

Environment and literature share a deep connection, as writers often draw motivation from the world to create stories that resound on a deeper level with readers. This relationship between environment and the literature is comprehensive and includes themes of sustainability, ecology, and humanity's interconnection with nature. Across diverse genres and styles, writers have explored and reflected on environmental issues, shaping how we observe and interact with the world around us. One of the most important functions of literature is to serve as a mirror to society and reflect its values, concerns and challenges.

In the environmental context, literature becomes an influential instrument for raising knowledge of ecological issues. The authors use their storytelling skills to describe the impact of human activities on the environment, from deforestation and pollution to climate change and biodiversity loss. The rise of eco-literature, or ecological literature, has become an important genre that focuses specifically on the complex relationships between people and their environment. Eco-literature frequently explores environmental ethics and encourages readers to think about their

responsibility to the planet. Through stories that highlight the cost of environmental deprivation, the authors aim to implant a sense of environmental awareness and promote sustainable practices. Literature also serves to celebrate the exquisiteness and marvel of the world. Poets in exacting have a long tradition of capturing the spirit of seasons, landscapes, and nature's changing moods. From the Romantic odes of William Wordsworth to the transcendentalist writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau, literature has played a crucial role in nurturing a sense of admiration for the environment.

Writers often use environmental metaphors and symbolism to convey deeper meanings in their works. Nature becomes a allegorical canvas through which the authors discover human emotions, social issues and the complexities of life. Using natural elements as symbols can bring to mind powerful emotions and give readers a new perspective on known concepts. In addition to increasing awareness, literature can vigorously contribute to the protection of the environment. Some writers engage in direct activism through their works, inspiring readers to take action and contribute in initiatives that support environmental sustainability.

The power of storytelling can mobilize people and communities to tackle pressing environmental challenges.

Let's endeavor to grasp this concept through the exploration of various literary works:

Nature's Echo in "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau

Literature has long been a mirror that reflects the complex relationship between humanity and the environment. An extraordinary work that explores this interaction is Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," a transcendentalist masterpiece that not only contemplates the simplicity of life but also resonates with the insightful connection between individuals and the environment. Thoreau's "Walden" is a fascinating exploration of the symbiotic relationship between environment and the literature. Written in the mid-19th century, the book describes Thoreau's simple life experience as he spends two years in a small cabin near Walden Pond, reflecting on the importance of nature and its influence on human existence.

Nature as a Source of Inspiration:

"Walden" is evidence to the transformative influence of nature on the human spirit. Thoreau's brilliant descriptions of the natural world are imbued with a sense of wonder and emphasize the beneficial qualities of the environment. The author urges readers to grow a deep connection with nature and support a lifestyle that is in harmony with the earth's natural rhythms. The changing of seasons, the sounds of the forest and the tranquility of the pond become vital motifs in Thoreau's work. Through expressive prose, he captures the beauty of the world around him, imbuing his writings with a poetic appreciation for the complexity of nature. In doing so, "Walden" emerges as a literary work that not only describes its environment, but vigorously engages readers in a sensory practice, fostering a deep connection with the natural world.

Environmental Ethics and Conscious Living:

Thoreau's examination of the environment goes beyond simple admiration; includes a call for environmental ethics and conscious living. By simplifying his existence and reducing his material needs, Thoreau advocates a way of life that reduces human impact on the environment. This ecological awareness, entrenched in history, foreshadows today's environmental problems and the urgent need for a sustainable lifestyle. The author's obligation to self-sufficiency and conscious living reflects a profound understanding of the interdependence between environment and humanity. Thoreau's "Walden" thus becomes a literary manifesto that invites readers to imitate on their relationship with nature and to consider the consequences of their choices on the environment.

Legacy and Contemporary Relevance:

Almost two centuries after its publication, Walden continues to resound as a timeless examination of the interaction between literature and the environment. The themes continue significant in an era marked by ecological challenges, inspiring readers to review their role in preserving the environment. The transcendentalist principles espoused in "Walden" inspired environmental movements and shaped the environmental awareness of later generations. Thoreau's literary heritage remains a beacon guiding people toward a more harmonious coexistence with the planet.

Henry David Thoreau's "Walden" is a literary demonstration to the philosophical interaction between environment and the literature. Through well-expressed prose and a deep admiration for nature, Thoreau creates a work that not only describes the magnificence of the natural world but also invites readers to promote a transformative correlation with it. 'Walden' remains a timeless examination of environmental ethics, inspiring people to reflect on their association with nature and adopt a mindful and sustainable lifestyle. As we explore the complexities of the contemporary world, Thoreau's words resonate and invite us to find comfort and inspiration in the embrace of the natural world.

A Literary Exploration of Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Nature"

Ralph Waldo Emerson, a most important figure in the American Transcendentalist movement, produced works that celebrate the insightful connection between humanity and the natural world. Among his significant essays, "Nature" is a milestone that provides readers with an idealistic lens through which to discover the interaction between literature and the environment. Emerson's "Nature" is a groundbreaking work that explores not only the physical landscape, but also delves into the metaphysical scope of the natural world. Throughout the expressive prose and philosophical reflections, Emerson invites readers to board on a voyage of self-discovery and transcendence by immersing themselves in the magnificence and wisdom of nature.

Nature as a Reflection of the Soul:

In "Nature," Emerson convincingly argues that the outside world is a mirror that reflects the internal landscape of the human soul. He argues that nature is not simply a group of external objects, but an energetic force that inspires creativity, introspection, and spiritual growth. This idea lays the establishment for a deep interaction between literature and the environment, as Emerson encourages readers to find motivation in the natural world and translate their experiences into literary phrase. Emerson's brilliant descriptions of

landscapes and his ardent interpretation about the interconnectedness of all living things highlight the thought that nature is not a separate thing, but an essential part of the human experience. This combination of nature into the fabric of human consciousness becomes a frequent theme in his essays and influences later generations of writers who discover the essential connection between literature and the environment.

Transcendentalist Vision and Environmental Harmony:

At the heart of Emerson's transcendentalist philosophy is the idea of self-sufficiency and individual intuition. "Nature" supports a harmonious association between humankind and the environment, inspiring people to seek out wisdom in seclusion and connect with the divine through relationship with nature. This transcendentalist visualization serves as a medium for a literary examination of the environment and inspires writers to create works that celebrate the spiritual dimensions of the natural world. Emerson's importance on the intrinsic kindness of humanity and nature challenges traditional views of the civilized-savage divide. His writings support a reassessment of the human relationship with the environment, promoting a sense of responsibility and protection of the territory. In this way, "Nature" becomes a literary medium for environmentalism and ethics, influencing eco-centric literature and subsequent environmental movements.

Legacy and Contemporary Relevance:

The legacy of Emerson's "Nature" lives on in modern debates about the environment and literature. His transcendentalist principles, combined with a deep admiration for the wisdom and beauty of nature, have left a permanent mark on the literary landscape. Environmental writers and thinkers continue to draw motivation from Emerson's philosophical tapestry, weaving stories that explore the complex interactions between humanity and the natural world. In conclusion, 'Nature' by Ralph Waldo Emerson is an in-depth exploration of the interaction between environment and the literature. Through his transcendentalist philosophy and poetic prose, Emerson motivates readers to identify the intrinsic connection between the outside world and the human soul. As we face the challenges of modern times, Emerson's timeless work encourages us to embrace the transformative power of nature and foster a harmonious relationship that transcends the limitations of words and worlds.

Wordsworth's "Lines Composed a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey": A Poetic Ode to Nature's Influence on the Human Soul

William Wordsworth, a prominent figure of the Romantic Movement, created verse that celebrated the inherent connection between the human spirit and the natural world. One of his most

important works, "Lines Composed a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey", is a poetic masterpiece that explores the insightful interaction between literature and environment. Through the lens of this poem, Wordsworth invites readers to consider the transformative power of nature on the human soul and the lasting impact it leaves on literary expression.

Nature as a Source of Spiritual Renewal:

"Lines composed a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey" is a romantic deliberation on the soothing and spiritual influence of nature. Set against the backdrop of picturesque Tintern Abbey and the serene Wye Valley, Wordsworth's poetry captures the essence of nature's sublime. The speaker reflects on returning to the landscape after a five-year absence, expressing how the memory of nature has served as a source of comfort and renewal in moments of loneliness. Wordsworth's description of landscape as a "felt presence" in the mind, even in its absence, illustrates nature's lasting impact on the human psyche. The poem speaks to the idea that the natural environment is a source of inspiration for poets and writers, shaping their perceptions and influencing their literary creations.

Nature as a Catalyst for Imagination:

In "Tintern Abbey," Wordsworth explores the symbiotic association between nature and the human imagination. The poet argues that revelation to the beauty and tranquility of the natural world increases the capacity for creative thinking and introspection. Poetry conveys the idea that the images, sounds, and sensations of nature remain permanently imprinted in the mind and therefore serve as a reservoir of inspiration for literary pursuits. Wordsworth's celebration of the "peaceful healing" offered by nature resonates with the Romantic belief in the redemptive and transformative power of the natural environment. The poem reflects the idea that fascination in nature serves as a muse for poets, allowing them to channel the sublime in their poems and create works that resound with readers on a deep, expressive level.

Legacy and Contemporary Relevance:

The lasting legacy of Wordsworth's "Lines Made a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey" lies in its capability to inspire future generations of writers and conservationists. The Romantic emphasis on the transcendent qualities of nature influenced eco-centric literature and environmental movements, emphasizing the significance of appreciating and preserving the natural world. In a world gradually more distant from the rhythms of nature, Wordsworth's verse is a timeless reminder of the profound interaction between literature and the environment.

As modern writers struggle with environmental issues and attempt to reconnect with the natural world, Wordsworth's poetic ode remains

a beacon, fascinating them to find inspiration, comfort, and renewal in the beauty that environs us. William Wordsworth's "Lines Composed a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey" demonstrates the complex interaction between literature and environment. Through his well-expressed verse, Wordsworth captures the spirit of nature's power on the human soul, showing how the natural world serves as a source of motivation for writers and poets. As we explore the complexities of the contemporary world, Wordsworth's eternal work invites us to reinvigorate our connection with nature and foster a harmonious relationship that enriches both our inner lives and the literary tapestry of human knowledge.

Conclusion:

The interaction between environment and the literature is a nuanced and ever-evolving tapestry that offers thoughtful insight into our connection to the natural world. Through the artistic expression of writers, literature becomes an intermediate through which we can steer the complex threads of this relationship. It serves as a prism through which readers can discover the intense beauty of nature, address environmental challenges, and grapple with the complexity of our human impact on the planet. The stunning images, moving stories, and thought-provoking ideas of literary works invite us to consider our role within a broader ecological framework, promoting a deeper understanding of the interdependence between humanity and the environment.

In this continuing investigation, literature appears not only as a mirror that reflects the current state of our association with nature, but also as a farsighted guide towards a sustainable future. As writers go on with to look into into the complication of environmental issues and articulate the potential consequences of our actions, literature becomes a catalyst for imagining positive change. It inspires cooperative consciousness and accountability, encourages readers to think about the impact of their decisions on the environment and promotes a shared commitment to a more sustainable and harmonious coexistence with the natural world.

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Kunore Adarsha Terracotta Village of West Bengal: The Value of Mud-to-Money Transformation

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Abstract:

The rural terracotta business in West Bengal is a good example of a journey organized by rural folks from Mud to Money. It provides high employment opportunities in rural Bengal and improves living standards. Both the rural and urban populations comprise a large number of workers in this hand-made industry and have made a significant contribution to the state as well as the Indian economy. Rural Uttar Dinajpur district manufactures terracotta and pottery products as well as exports them to other countries. For the years 2019–2020, India exported clay vessels worth 9.97 million USD. This paper discusses the rural terracotta industry at Kunore village, Uttar Dinajpur district, in West Bengal. In this village, the total number of potteries is 170, and nearly 80 percent of folk people are involved in this industry at a different level. Here, the new generation is involved in this industry immensely; they help their families and also study in school or college. The young generation in this village also uses technologies and different machines for time-consuming tasks. There are different craftsmen who have migrated to this region and have been involved with the terracotta industry. The craftsman makes tiles and tubs for plants, lampshades, fancy idols, decorate tiles, the art of tribal women, the palm tree, and Ganesh murti with designs like 'Lata' and 'Kalka'. Kunore village is famous in the world for clay flower vases, oil lamps, and clay horses (pirer ghora) designed dhunuchis, boruas, and clay dolls.

Keywords: Terracotta, pottery, craftsman

Introduction:

Terracotta, or 'cooked earth' (in Latin)¹ or "baked earth" (in Italy)², is an ancient art form, perhaps one of the earliest references to the creation of the human mind. In fact, the use of the five elements, i.e., air, water, earth, fire, and ether, in the art of terracotta gives you both mysteries. Terracotta images of mother goddesses, gods, and terracotta chariot frames and wheels dating back to about 7000 B.C. have been excavated in various areas of the Indus Valley Civilization, such as Birhana³, Mohenjodaro⁴, etc. proving that the art was successful on the Indian subcontinent long before it was used elsewhere. Terracotta also played an important role in the commercial activities of this ancient civilization. These symbols also reflect the clothing⁵, hairstyles, ornaments, and religious beliefs of the people without giving the impression of the script they use. In West Bengal, terracotta products have been used for centuries and have been associated since ancient times. It is an art form and part of Indian heritage and culture. The terracotta business in India is a good example of a journey organized by a businessman from 'Mud to Money.' Terracotta in India has transformed over the years into an amazing pottery art. It is not just a piece of

clay used on a daily basis, but also a very important source of income for many. Today, rural entrepreneurs not only test their creative side by making different terracotta patterns but also create their own works based on this art. The terracotta business in India as well as West Bengal provides a chance of employment to improve living standards. Both the rural and urban populations comprise a large number of workers in this industry and have made a significant contribution to the country's economy. There are many terracotta pottery industries established in different areas, like Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and different states. India manufactures terracotta and pottery products as well as exports them to other countries like the USA, Mexico, Hong Kong, Japan, Germany, Italy, and France. Pottery is exported to over 148 countries from India⁶. For the years 2019–2020, India exported clay vessels worth 9.97 million USD⁷.

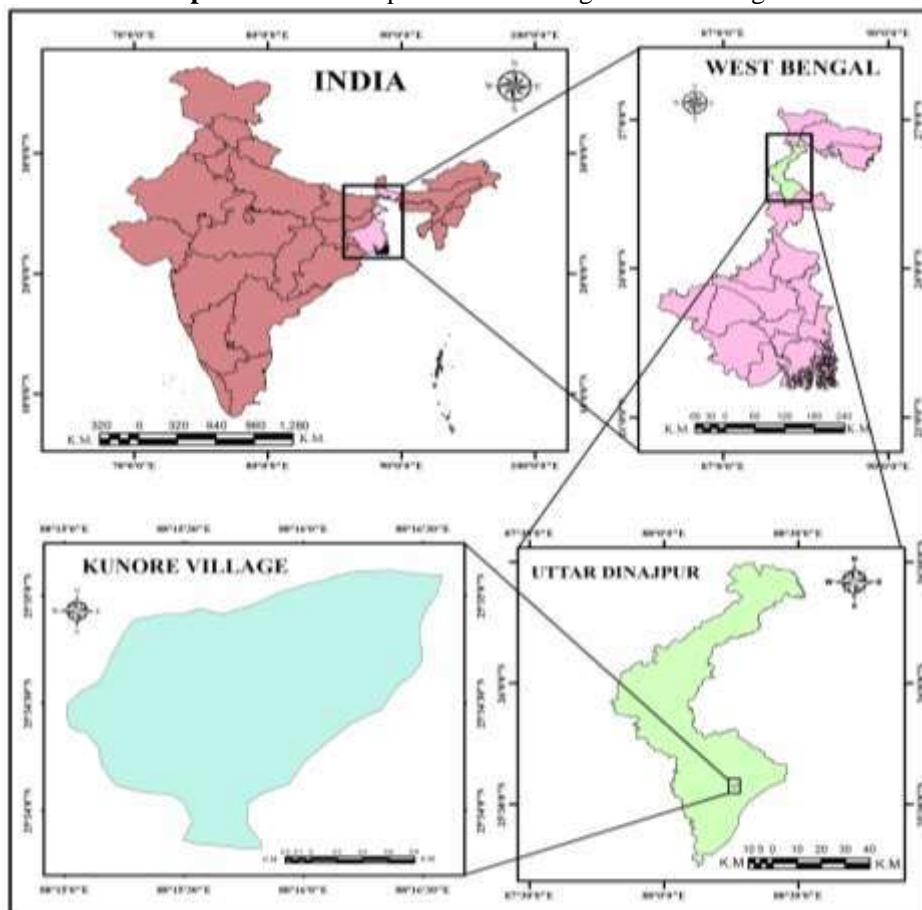
About the study area:

This research is based on Kunore village in Uttar Dinajpur district in West Bengal. In Kunore village, the total number of potteries is 170, and nearly 80 percent of people are involved in this industry.⁸ In this village, the young generation is

involved in the terracotta industry and using modern technologies with different machines, designs, and models that are time-consuming. In this way, they help their families' economy. Craftsmen have migrated to this region and make tiles, tubs for plants, lampshades, fancy idols, decorating tiles, terracotta's of tribal women with children, the Palm Tree, Ganesh Murti designs like 'Lata' and 'Kalka', clay flower vases, oil lamps, clay horses (pirerghora), designing dhunuchis, boruas, and clay dolls (maa meye putul). Kunore is a village in Kaliyaganj block in the district of Uttar Dinajpur in West Bengal, India, located at 25.577° North, 88.270° East. It has almost a flat topography and slopes gently from north to south. The total area of Kunore is 3.4 sq. km., and the elevation is approximately 38 meters above sea level. Kunore is bounded by Banigaon village to the north, Raipur and Bhuinhara village to the east, Rautgoan village to the south, and Phulamani and Mukundapur village to the west. The soil is composed of different

types of alluvium. Kunore has a humid, subtropical climate. The average high temperature in July, the warmest month, is 38°C (100.4°F), and in January, the coldest month, it is 25°C (77°F). The average annual temperature is 24.9°C (76.8°F). On average, 1400 mm of rainfalls per year, with most of it falling in the wet season months of June to September⁹. The wettest month is July, with 350 mm of precipitation on average; the driest month is December, with only 6 mm. As per the 2011 Census of India, Kunore village had a total population of 5218. There were 2817 (54%) males and 2401 (46%) females. Scheduled castes constitute 68.98 percent, and scheduled tribes are numbered at 1.32 percent. As per the 2011 census, the total number of literates in Kunore village was 3071 (59% of the population over 6 years), out of which males numbered 1836 (35% of the male population over 6 years) and females numbered 1235 i.e. 27.05% of the female population over 6 years).¹⁰

Map 1: Location Map of Kunore village in West Bengal.



Emergence of the problem:

Today's terracotta earthenware and ceramic products are used in daily life, the electrical sector, and scientific research. Today, terracotta is not on a broad scale but is working efficiently under micro-level cottage industry groups in India. Artists in the small terracotta industry often come from rural areas. But handmade terracotta products are closing

down in most places as a result of modern industrialization. At present, in the age of globalization, various fancy products like ceramics, foams, and plastics have flooded the market. These products are much cheaper and more beautiful than earthenware products. As a result, the use of earthenware products is declining. The terracotta industry is a kind of secondary activity, but now the

terracotta industry has been replaced by the tertiary industry. As a result, the handicraft, pottery, and terracotta industries are closing down, and the workers associated with these industries are joining other jobs. Terracotta industries started in the 19th century at Hatpara in Kunore village under Kaliyaganj block, but sales of terracotta products for the Corona epidemic have plummeted over the past two years. In addition, the workers in this industry are facing constant problems getting government grants or bank loans.

Rational and Statement of the Problem:

Terracotta is an object made from clay and hardened by fire; it is termed pottery. It is a unique art where the potter presents it with his skill. It has been an indispensable part of human life since the beginning of human history. The rural economy is driven by rural industries like carpet, terracotta, pottery, and weaving, which have great importance. In the current era of globalization and profit maximization, the rural handicraft industries are closing down. At present, most people are moving away from primary and secondary economic activities to engage in tertiary work. As a result, small industries like handloom, handicraft, and terracotta are closing down day by day. If these rural handicap industries can be kept alive, then the historical, folk, and traditional cultures can be kept alive. Competition from factors such as plastic objects is a major problem in terracotta development. In addition, the potters associated with this industry are constantly facing problems like fuel wood, bank loans, etc. Under such circumstances, the collapse of the employment sector creates a major problem, and it is clear that a sound solution seems to be improving and making the domestic industry more prosperous. So, the researchers have decided on a study on the value of mud-to-money transformation through the terracotta industry in Kunore village.

Objectives: To find out the locations, impacts, and issues of the terracotta industry on the livelihood of Kunore village.

Delimitations: Families who are dependent on the terracotta industry in Kunore village have been considered in this research. Only the aspects of livelihood in Kunore village have been selected here.

Methodology:

Researchers followed both the validity and reliability tests of open-ended and closed-ended research questions based on a pilot survey. The mixed research method was taken into consideration to complete the research work. For this purpose, both quantitative and qualitative techniques have been used to prepare it. All the people who are involved in the terracotta industry at Kunore Adarsha village are the population in this research.

Mainly, observation techniques (both direct face-to-face and videography) have been used to get the data. During field surveys, interview techniques have been used through a questionnaire to collect the primary data. To select the proper questions in the questionnaire, the researcher followed the validity and reliability test to validate the questions from the expert. Geo-tagged photography techniques have been used to record the data. To prepare the location map, ArcGIS Pro software was used. To arrange the data and analyze it, MS Excel was used. As per the administrative tool of the study, researchers visited this terracotta village on January 25, May 31, and June 11, 2022. The study was based on primary data taken from a field survey in Kunore village, Uttar Dinajpur District, West Bengal. Here, the industry-to-industry survey and a face-to-face interview with specific valid questionnaires were used. The simple random sampling technique has been used to collect the primary data through face-to-face interviews, photography, videos, and observation methods. To complete this research work, different books, articles, newspapers, and various social media platforms have been used as secondary data sources. Apart from these, there are several web-based secondary sources used here, like census2011, 'onefivenine.com', 'village info.in', etc. Descriptive statistics and cartographic techniques have been used to analyze the data.

Result and Discussion:

To manufacture the terracotta items, craftsmen collect raw materials first. The main raw material of the terracotta industry is soil, which is collected from the nearby Pichla Bill. Besides it, red clay, sand, and various colors are collected from nearby cities. Then, in the stage of clay refining and mixing, various elements such as dust, small stones, and broken pieces of wood are separated from the clay, and the clay is refined through a sieve. After that, the soil is well mixed with the required water. Potters mix this clay by stamping and crushing it for better mixing. In the stage of the throwing process, the potters place the clay right in the middle of the disc and turn the disc with their skilled hands to give different shapes and different designs. Then, at the stage of drying and coloring, products are well dried in the sun for 2-3 days and then re-dried in the sun by mixing the colors in the products. At the stage of firing, the preparation of sun-dried earthenware products is arranged in the fiery furnace and coated with straw and clay. Lastly, marketing of terracotta products to nearby markets and fairs such as Hasto Shilpa Mela, Banijjo Mela, Biswa Bangla Mela, Sabla Mela, etc. is conducted every year in Kunore village.



1 (soil in normal condition)



2 (mixed mud)



3 (Soil Monda preparing by Anup Roy)



P 4 : Sanjoy Roy is making soil-made Dhunuchi.



P 5: Sambhu Roy is making soil-made Dhunuchi



P6: Traditional wheel for terracotta products.



P7: Device of electric wheel to reduce the time and effort of potters.



P 8: Drying products by Sanjoy Roy.



P 9: 60 years old Kalku Roy burning the earthen products in the furnace.



P 10: The Earthen tea cups are being arranged on the top of the soil burning furnace before burning.





P 11: Making clay horse by Dulal Chandra Roy.

Finally different products have found in Kunore terracotta village which has large demand in handicraft market.



P12: Clay made Hurricanes to decorate houses. P 13: Clay made Ghati for Pujas and ceremonies to hold water.



P14: Clay made Khuti/ Laxmir Vander to store coins.

P15: Clay made toy horse for sacred Pir mela.



P16: Clay made Kalki by Potter Jyotish Chandra Roy.

P17: Clay made Vases, Lamps, and hurricanes.



P 20: 'Dhunuchi'.



P 21: Mud made lamps by Dulal Chandra Roy

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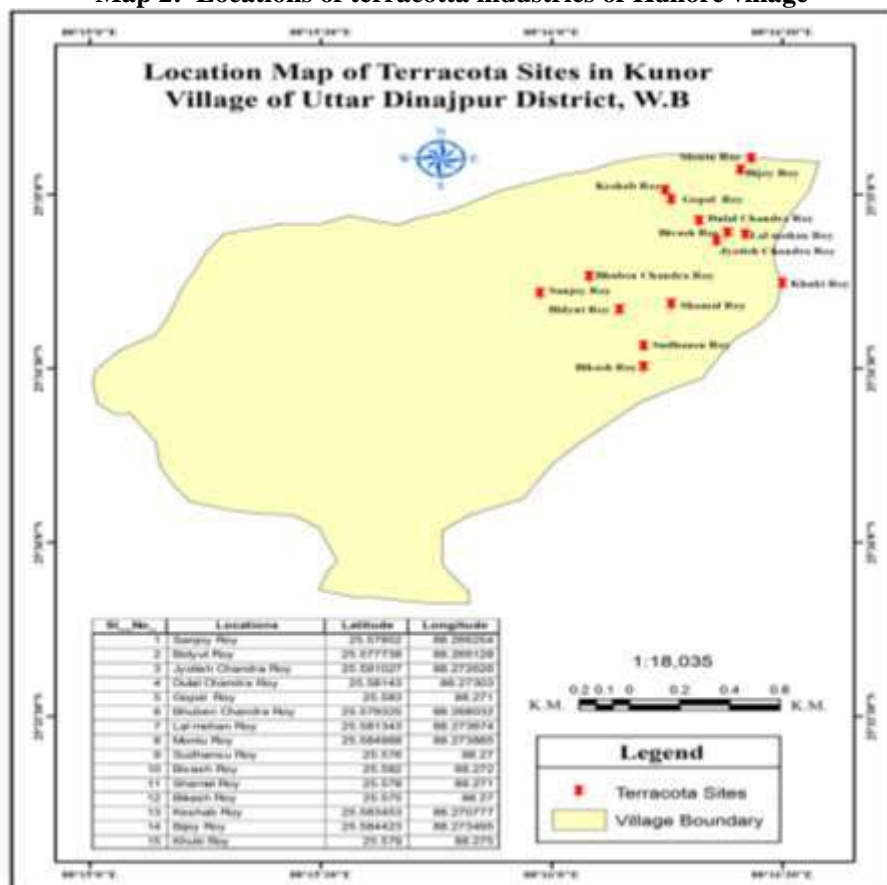


P 22: Earthen Jewellery, and Bangles. P 23: 'Gach Kouta' for reception ceremony. P24: Teraacotta Ganesha

Terracotta is nature's own product because it is made with soil and clay. So it is biodegradable and causes no harm to the environment. No carbon emissions or harmful particles are used to make this. Nowadays, the people of cities are inclined towards eco-friendly products that will be harmless as well as bring a traditional touch to their lives. In this context, terracotta products like dolls, cookerries, divine idols, and showpieces are in high demand. As history shows, since the Indus Valley Civilization, people have been using terracotta products, so it has been carrying the legacy of age-old tradition and craftsmanship. As these products are baked, they are long-lasting, and the examples of old products found in historical places bear proof. But there are various

types of craftsmanship. As the environment and places change, so do the design and art, though the methodology remains the same. The terracottas of Gujarat are different from those of Bengal, as the folk culture of Bengal is different from that of other states and their people. Even the artistry and craftsmanship of Bishnupur, West Bengal, is not like that of Kunore Adarsha Village. Where Bishnupur has its own style of making, so does Kunore. But the common fact is that everywhere the local terracotta products are made, they carry their local folk culture and become unique for that. The design and making of various terracotta products carry the identity of their locality.

Map 2: Locations of terracotta industries of Kunore village



The terracotta industry has its impact on the development of the livelihood in Kunore village. The terracotta industry is the heart of the economy

of Kunor village in Kaliaganj block. But now the potters associated with this industry have economic problems.

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Table 1: Types of terracotta products, using ingredients, and nature of profits in Kunore village.

Sl. No.	Item name	Using ingredients	Collection from	Production Cost in Rs. / item	Selling Price in Rs. /item	Profit in Rs./item
1	Worship pot	Soil (Loam soil, Clay soil, sand soil), Different colours, straw, fuel wood etc.	Clay collected from 'PichlaBill' and other material collect from nearest market.	6	10	4
2	Pot			8	12.5	4.5
3	Panchapradip			12	25	43
4	Hookah			5	10	5
5	Thiki			6	10	4
6	Pechi			17	30	13
7	Powa			8	15	7
8	Dhunuchi			7	12.5	5.5
9	Khuti			28	45	17
10	Flower pot			18	30	12
11	Hurricane			55	100	45
12	Mud's water bottle			50	100	50
13	Earthen toy horse			90	150	60
14	Earthen toy Elephant			95	200	105
15	Earthen Jewellery			180	300	120
16	Lamp			28	50	22
17	Cup and plate			23	40	17
18	Designer lamp			3150	5500	2350

Source: Field visit, 2023.

In markets, terracotta products have different values. And based on the types of products, the nature of profit is different. Based on the whole

field survey (door-to-door), the monthly income scenario of the individual terracotta-based family is highlighted here.

Table 2: Monthly income scenario of potters in Kunore village.

Sl. No.	Name of the respondent	Age	Family member	Monthly income (in thousand)
1	Sanjoy Roy	48	5	20000
2	Bidyut Roy	45	4	12000
3	Joyish Chandra Roy	56	4	10000
4	Dulal Chandra Roy	58	5	30000
5	Gopal Roy	55	6	7000

6	Sabinda Roy	31	8	18000
7	Dabu Roy	40	6	25000
8	Nirmal Roy	45	6	10000
9	Shombhu Roy	30	5	18000
10	Khuki Roy	31	5	13000
11	Arun Roy	42	4	15000
12	Dinesh Roy	57	6	16000
13	Rabi Roy	33	8	20000
14	Santa Roy	48	5	26000
15	Hrisikesh Roy	42	4	15000
16	Manjoli Roy	45	2	12000
17	Prafulla Roy	35	4	20000
18	Praloy Roy	30	2	14000
19	Debedranath Roy	58	4	13000
20	Akash Roy	27	3	15000
21	Samaresh Chandra Roy	31	2	23000
22	Bhaben Chandra Roy	41	5	12000
23	Lalmohan Roy	48	6	15000
24	Mantu Roy	38	4	20000
25	Bhivas Roy	40	4	15000
26	Sudhanshu Roy	58	5	16000
27	Dulal Roy	55	4	25000
28	Anup Roy	34	3	18000
29	Kalku Roy	56	5	14000
30	Bijoy Roy	36	3	17000
31	Kanchan Roy	48	5	20000
32	Shamal Roy	35	3	15000
33	Subol Roy	60	5	22000
34	Rabi Roy	31	3	18000
35	Shamal Roy	33	3	19000

36	Lailu Roy	53	5	14000
37	Vikash Roy	48	5	15000
38	Sital Roy	45	4	12000
39	Bikash Roy	34	4	23000
40	Gita Roy	58	6	15000
41	Nibarn Roy	35	3	6000
42	Bikash Roy	37	6	10000
43	Sudip Roy	26	2	16000
44	Dhulu Roy	35	3	80000
45	Utpal Roy	48	4	17000
46	Kadu Roy	56	3	22000
47	Manabendra Roy	36	4	16000
48	Pramila Roy	60	4	13000
49	Keshab Roy	50	4	15000
50	Dhuva Roy	63	8	12000
51	Lal mohan Roy	35	3	12000
52	Sagari Roy	30	4	15000
53	Anima Roy	32	4	9000

Source: Field visit 2023.

The livelihood of the families of Kunore terracotta village is controlled, maintained, and governed by their terracotta activities. The families eat rice and a variety of packaged foods such as biscuits, cakes, chips, etc. Keeping in mind the health of the children, they provide packaged foods like milk, Horlicks, Complain, Bourn Vita, etc. Students (class V to VIII) of Kunore K.C. High School and Hatpara Primary School get the benefit of the mid-day meal. Kunore is a rural area, so not everyone is financially well off. Some well-to-do families go to hotels and restaurants from time to time. The people of this village need good health care to live a healthy life. Kunore village covers an area of 3.4 sq km in the Kaliyaganj block of Uttar Dinajpur district.

The population of this village is 5218. The people of this village usually collect medicines for fever, cold, cough, and diarrhea from the nearest health center and medicine store. There is no big hospital here except the government health center. So, in case of any major physical problem, they go

to the nearby Raiganj Govt. Medical College & Hospital and Kaliyaganj State General Hospital to get medical services. In addition, those who are financially strong in this village often go to Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, and Delhi for treatment. This village has an adequate water supply, and no water problem is seen even in the hot summer. Almost every house in the village has tube wells and small pump machines, which are the main source of water collection. Kunore is quite eco-friendly and has drainage facilities, except for a few places.

There is no litter everywhere. So this village is recognized as 'Adarsha village.' But now it is seen that in all the small ponds of this village, people are constantly washing dishes and bathing their cattle, which is the main cause of water pollution. Kunore Primary Health Center has its own ambulance. The people of this village are concerned about swaccha toilets, but some families do not have toilets as part of the government's Nirmal Bangla scheme. For example, the construction of the toilet in the house by Bidyut Roy

has not been completed yet and is not part of the Nirmal Bangla project. Even Debu Roy built a bathroom with his own money and did not get the toilet for the Nirmal Bangla project from the government despite applying twice.

Khuki Roy got a toilet through the Nirmal Bangla Mission in 2019, and since then, his family has been using this toilet without any open defecation. Manjali Roy had applied for a toilet three times before, but he did not get a government toilet. There is no adequate drainage system for the

water to flow, making the area extremely muddy and unhealthy. In addition, time taps have been installed for the villagers, keeping in view the drinking water demand of Kunore village. There is no proper concrete system around the tube well of Kalyani Roy's house, and it has been created in a damp environment, which is unhealthy. In this village, one contaminated pond is found, which has been filled with plastic substances and various types of waste materials.



P 25: Kunore Primary health center.



P 26: Consciousness of toilet in house of Bidyut Roy



P 27: Dinesh Roy is bathing in this government tube well, and it is seen that there is no good drainage.



P 28: Dhanu Roy's bathroom was broken by the storm, and there was no proper concrete system around the tube well, resulting in submergence in an unhealthy environment that is extremely unhygienic.

Table 4: Available toilets of the Nirmal Bangla Mission in the households of potters in Kunore.

Sr.No	Name of the Respondents	Got from Nirmal Bangla Project	
		Yes	No
1	Sanjoy Roy		1
2	Bidyut Roy		1
3	Joyish Chandra Roy		1
4	Dulal Chandra Roy		1
5	Gopal Roy	1	

6	Sabinda Roy		1
7	Dabu Roy		1
8	Nirmal Roy		1
9	Shombhu Roy		1
10	Khuki Roy	1	
11	Arun Roy		1
12	Dinesh Roy	1	
13	Rabi Roy		1
14	Santa Roy		1
15	Hrisikesh Roy		
16	Manjoli Roy	1	
17	Prafulla Roy		1
18	Praloy Roy		1
19	Debedranath Roy		1
20	Akash Roy	1	
21	Samaresh Chandra Roy		1
22	Bhaben Chandra Roy	1	
23	Lalmohan Roy		1
24	Mantu Roy		1
25	Bhivas Roy		1
26	Sudhanshu Roy		1
27	Dulal Roy		1
28	Anup Roy		1
29	Kalku Roy	1	
30	Bijoy Roy		1
31	Kanchan Roy		1
32	Shamal Roy	1	
33	Subol Roy		1
34	Rabi Roy		1
35	Shamal Roy	1	

36	Lailu Roy		1
37	Vikash Roy		1
38	Sital Roy		1
39	Bikash Roy		1
40	Gita Roy	1	
41	Nibarn Roy		
42	Bikash Roy		1
43	Sudip Roy		1
44	Dhulu Roy		1
45	Utpal Roy		1
46	Kadu Roy	1	
47	Manabendra Roy		1
48	Keshab Roy		1
49	Pramila Roy		1
50	Dhuva Roy		1
51	Lalmohan Roy	1	
52	Sagari Roy		1
53	Raju Roy	1	

Source: Field visit 2023.

So, it is clear that 24% of potters have Nirmal Bangla Mission toilets in their homes, and 78% of potter families do not have these government toilets in their homes. The houses of those who are economically strong in Kunore village are mainly pucca and semi-pucca, etc. Mud and tin houses can also be noticed here. At present, those who are financially backward and do not have adequate shelter are getting the benefit of new pucca houses under various government projects like the Prime Minister's Rural Housing Scheme and the Bangla Housing Scheme. The linear and compact settlement is noticeable as the village is adjacent to the road and the area is very densely populated. In Kunore village in Uttar Dinajpur district of West Bengal, men wear pants, jeans, dhoti, pyjamas, shirts, Punjabi, fatwa, etc., and women mainly wear saris, or churidar. Kunore is a village in the

Kaliyaganj block where the Hindu community is predominantly Rajbangsi. The main language of the people of this village is Bengali. In this village, Durga Puja, Kali Puja, Charak Puja, and various other rituals are performed. The terracotta fair is centered on this puja, besides Manasa songs and Baul songs, and the folk song is one of the main ceremonies here. The people of Kunore village regularly go to the 'Kunore Hindu Milon Mandir' (P 35) to pay their respects. Educational data collected from the 2011 census report shows that 65.2 percent of people are literate, whereas 57.02 percent are illiterate among the total population of Kunore. The Kunore High School was established in 1942, and it is the main high school in and around Kunore. Another Hatpara Anganwari Center is available in this village.



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The terracotta industry persists in rural development in Kunore village. The products made in the traditional terracotta industry of Kunore village are in demand in various states of India and abroad. The growth and development of this industry have created rural economic development in Kunore village. Terracotta is basically a cottage industry. At present, various government aids and various fairs such as Hasta Shilpa Mela, Banijjo Mela, and Biswa Bangla Mela¹² have created new directions for the employment of potters here. Therefore, keeping in mind the demand from India as well as foreign markets, they continue to export their terracotta products abroad. They mainly export to Indian states like Delhi, Kolkata, Maharashtra, Gujarat, America, England, Japan, Russia, etc. During the primary survey, it was heard from Dulal Chandra Roy that around Rs. 30 to 40 lakhs of terracotta products are sold from Kunore village every year, which is the main reason for the economic development of this village. Sanjay Roy, a local craftsman from Kunore village, said he collected raw materials for the terracotta industry from a nearby slippery bill. According to Bidyut Roy, they mainly sell earthenware products at local markets and nearby fairs. 58 years Dulal Chandra Roy said that he has been involved in the terracotta industry since 1986, and his family consists of four members who all depend on this industry for their livelihood. Talking to him, it is known that his house has a training center for the terracotta industry. Here, workers are taught the use of advanced technologies by industry, government, and private enterprises, and those who want to learn how to work in this traditional terracotta industry are given training. People said that their terracotta industry has a worldwide reputation and that their products are exported to America, Russia, London, and other countries. Jotish Chandra Roy said that he has been associated with the terracotta industry for over 40 years, and his father and grandfather were also involved in this work. He said that due to heavy rains in the monsoon season, the earthenware products could not be dried properly, which led to the financial crisis as new products were not sold.

Gopal Roy has been doing this terracotta job for the last 51 years. He earns Rs. 15,000 per month by selling terracotta items. Sabinda Roy said

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fuel wood is used for burning earthenware products, and straw is not always available, so problems have to be faced. Debu Roy said that he made around 10,000 different types of terracotta items every month. But in the case of soil collection, it is a problem because the price of soil is constantly rising and it is not possible to import or store soil during the rainy season. Nirmal Roy said that he is involved in agriculture most of the time but also does terracotta work in his spare time. Shambhu Roy said he has been involved in this industry for 31 years, but her family has been facing a financial crisis for the last two years due to the Corona epidemic. Khuki Roy is the only woman in her family who is involved in the terracotta industry. Arun Roy said the government was not doing much to help improve the terracotta industry. His plea to the government is that the government should give them low-interest bank loans so that he can buy new equipment and make more products. Dinesh Roy has been associated with the terracotta industry for 57 years and has made products like tubs, pots, vases, saras, etc. Anup Roy said he has not received any new orders in the last two years due to lockdown, so he and his brother have been working as masons for some time. But now there is no lockdown situation, and he has started terracotta work again. Potter Kalki Roy said he had made lots of terracotta products based on orders before the epidemic, but all the products had to be restocked later due to a lockdown. Shyamal Roy said he was involved in agriculture, but it was stopped during the lockdown. Potter Bikash Roy said that he does not have paved roads inside the village, so there are problems traveling and transporting terracotta items during the rainy season. Subal Roy said that the terracotta products of Kunore village are mostly sold at big government fairs like Hasta Silpo Mela, Sabla Mela, and Biswa Bangla Mela. Ravi Roy said that since there was no big fair in the last two years, a lot of their earthenware products were lost. Nibaran Roy said that he sells most of the products at the government fairs, but in the last two years he has been able to hold only three fairs, and as a result, a lot of products have not been sold. Dhulu Roy and the rest of his family work together to make terracotta products. He mainly makes earthenware products such as designer lamps, pots, incense

sticks, dishes, water glasses, etc. He said they have problems staying and eating at government fairs. Kadu Roy, a female potter, said she knows all the work of making pottery but does not do it at present. Utpal Roy said that the prices of food items, necessities, clothes, etc. are constantly rising, but the prices of these terracotta products are not increasing.

Issues:

There are some issues with the terracotta industry in Kunore Village that have been recorded. The terracotta industry is the most historical industry in Kunore village in Uttar Dinajpur district. It also provides good economic status for the involved families. The pottery industry in Kunore village is suffering from numerous problems like a dearth of raw materials, poor management, a lack of technology, a lack of infrastructure, the non-availability of fuel, a lack of shed facilities, etc. Clay is the main raw material of the terracotta industries, but nowadays the supply of raw materials is irregular. The problems are the increase in price, scarcity of raw materials, low quality of the product, and differences in quality. At present, due to some climate change, different natural hazards are being experienced by the potters. As a result, their business is short at this time and has become irregular. Often, due to lack of sunlight at the proper time, the earthenware does not dry on time, and they cannot deliver the goods to the customer. Thus, climate change has a significant impact on the livelihood of potters. Due to lack of money, potters are not able to buy the necessary modern machines. They continue to use that traditional pottery wheel. As a result, production and sales are declining. Potters can't buy automatic pot-making machines. Society and civilization are now covered with plastic from all sides, and paper glass or plates have been converted into plastic cups, glasses, thermocouples, etc. At the same time, the use of stainless steel or fancy glassware is replacing clay statues, idols, utensils, etc. As a result, the economy of potters is going to be endangered today. Due to the lockdown (that was created for the pandemic situation of COVID-19) in 2020–2022, almost all the puja ceremonies were stopped in Bengal. As a result, potters were forced to abandon their core business and move on to other businesses.

Findings:

In Kunore Hatpara village, there are more than 53 families doing this terracotta work as potters. Potters are facing problems with raw materials, especially mud soil and clay soil, due to the climate crisis, and the price of the soil has increased due to the middle man. Recently, the women of the pottery industries have been enjoying the 'Lakshmir Bhandar'¹¹ policy of the Government of West Bengal, which is helpful for their businesses because women can invest this money in their terracotta businesses. During the last

two years (2020–2022), economically vulnerable people have been adversely affected by the Corona COVID-19 pandemic situation. Women enjoy proper rights in the family and participate in terracotta activities. Terracotta-based craftsmen are dependent on seasonal business because they earn money after constructing the idols, which are connected to worship. Earthen items are perishable, so the chance of losses is huge here. Recently, potters are improving their economy due to increasing the aesthetic and environmental sense of modern people. Nowadays, earthen pots are used for indoor plantations, and lots of marriage ceremonies follow a no-plastic vision. The rice ceremony, birthday party, and marriage anniversaries of the town accept earthen plates, cups, glasses, bowls, etc. on their occasions. Recently, due to the improvement of online business and the Amazon parcel sending facility, earthen materials have been transported long distances. In this way, economic improvement is happening for the terracotta-based potters. The potters are conscious of education, and that's why their children are going to school properly.

Recommendations:

Terracotta can be said that these terracotta products have been used in various fields in India since ancient times. All terracotta products are biodegradable and eco-friendly. In the old days, all these products were popular, but now there are some problems. The main raw materials of the terracotta industry, such as clay, paint, firewood, etc., are constantly rising in price, but the prices of commodities are not. In addition, the potters are losing most of their dividends as a result of the land mafia and middlemen. Therefore, it can be said that the government should provide all levels of assistance for the development of this small cottage industry. So that they sell products to strengthen the economic base of India. Thus, the government has to take the right steps for the traditional terracotta industry in Kunore village.

Conclusion:

Terracotta is the process and product of forming objects with clay and other ceramic materials, which are fired at high temperatures to give them a durable, hand-made form. In a historical era when people did not have any idea of aluminum, a huge number of the population was dependent on earthen objects. Today we have many choices like steel, aluminum, iron, etc., but still, pottery has its own importance. The terracotta industry of Kunore village is characterized by the small size of the units, family-banned operation, and the predominance of skilled workers, the use of primitive tools, and the wide prevalence of illiteracy among the workers. The value of the soil should be within the range of the potter's economic condition. The present study shows that the terracotta industry

in the study area is suffering from an irregular supply of raw materials, a lack of working capital, obsolete technology, a lack of diversification of products, competition from the organized sector, good marketing facilities, management problems, a lack of research and development efforts, etc. The need for capital for increased productivity in this sector is clearly recognized from the Cobb-Douglas production analysis¹³. Government and non-government initiatives can solve problems and develop industries at their best levels. It goes without saying that the realization of policies will require very efficient and committed functionaries. Since the artisans of terracotta are in the hands of stereotypical machinery, it may be necessary that the entire program for its development be marshaled through various governmental institutions.

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Impact of heavy metals (HgCl_2 & CuSO_4) on lipase activity of Fresh Water Crab, *Barytelphusa guerini*, during chronic exposure.

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Abstract:

The present study aims to evaluate the effect of mercury chloride and copper sulphate on lipase activity in hepatopancreas of fresh water crab, *Barytelphusa guerini*. The effects were studied and observed seasonally into two groups as control and experimental. The experimental groups were exposed to different concentrations. The LC_{50} values of HgCl_2 and CuSO_4 for 24, 48, 72 and 96 hrs were 2.75, 2.5, 2.25 and 2.00 ppm and 14.00, 13.5, 13.00 and 12.50 ppm for monsoon season. For winter season, the concentrations were 3.00, 2.75, 2.5, 2.25 and 14.50, 14.00, 13.50 and 13.00 ppm. The concentrations were 1.75, 1.4, 1.25, 1.15 ppm and 9.00, 8.5, 8.00 and 7.5 ppm for summer season respectively. $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of 96 hrs LC_{50} values taken for 10, 20, and 30 days and is referred as sub lethal concentration of HgCl_2 and CuSO_4 , for 10, 20, and 30 days chronic period. In the present investigation, the lipase was significantly altered in the crab, *Barytelphusa guerini* after chronic exposure to HgCl_2 and CuSO_4 . Among the exposed mercuric chloride was found to be the potent inhibitors of lipase activity as compared to control and copper sulphate. From the results, it is also observed that the enzyme activity is time dependent.

Keywords: Hepatopancreas, enzyme lipase, Mercury chloride, opper isulphate, *ig guerini*.

Introduction:

Due to rapid modernization and industrialization man has been adding huge amount of chemical waste, containing heavy metals like mercury and copper into the environment (Hutchinson, 1979, Paul and Pillai 1983 b). The higher concentration of toxicants brings the adverse effect on aquatic organism at cellular level or molecular level. Moreover, many other investigators have used enzymological techniques to evaluate the sublethal stress induced by mercury and other metal pollutants on animals (Jackim, 1973, 1974, Thurnberg *et al.*, 1977; Syed *et al.*, 1979). Gopal and Rao (1984) studied the effect of copper and zinc toxicity and their effect on digestive enzyme of *Bellamya bengalensis*. The lipase activity was studied by Maqdoom (2002) of fresh water crab, *Barytelphusa guerini*. Zambare and Mahajan (2001) studied the heavy metal induced alterations in hepatopancreas of fresh water bivalve *Corbicula striatella*. The heavy metals have specific binding affinity to sulphhydryl group of the enzymes. This would naturally alter the activity of the enzymes that may range from activation to total inhibition. The metal induced alteration in enzyme activity may be taken as more or less accurate

indicator of metal toxicity. Hence an attempt has been made to study the effect of mercury and copper on the enzyme secretory activity related to energy yielding processes at cellular level of freshwater crab, *Barytelphusa guerini* with respect to change in level of digestive enzyme lipase.

Materials and methods:

The crab *Barytelphusa guerini* were collected from fresh water resource i.e. Paithan dam near Aurangabad and were brought to the laboratory without any mechanical injury. The crabs were maintained in laboratory for 2-4 days in plastic trough to acclimatize. During acclimatization the crabs were fed with small pieces of bivalve or earthworm. Only healthy, same size, same weight crabs were selected for experimental purpose. Two groups of crabs were formed. One of the two group of crabs were considered as experimental and another as control (pollutant free).

The experimental groups of crabs were exposed to pollutants such as HgCl_2 and CuSO_4 for chronic exposure of 10, 20 and 30 days respectively. The water from control and experimental trough was renewed after every 24 hour and dead animals were discarded. The animals were starved a day prior to

experimentation to avoid metabolic differences, if any, due to differential feeding.

The lipase activity was determined by the method of Sinha (1976) based on estimation of liberated fatty acids from substrate during enzyme action. The reaction mixture consisted of 1 ml olive oil as substrate, 1 ml of phosphate buffer of pH 8 and 1 ml of tissue homogenate (10% w/v). The reaction mixture was incubated for 1 hr at 37°C with frequent

shaking. The enzyme activity was terminated by boiling reaction mixture in water bath. Lipolytic activity was determined by titrating the reaction mixture with NaOH (0.1N) solution after adding 3ml of alcohol (95%) using 0.5% alcoholic phenolphthalein as an indicator. The difference between the volume of NaOH (0.1N) solution utilized in unboiled and boiled homogenate containing reaction mixture indicated the lipase activity.

Table i1: iLipase iactivity iin ihepatopancreas iof iBarytelphusa iguerini iduring ichronic iexposure ito iHgCl₂ and iCuSO₄ iin imonsoon iseaon.

Treatment	10 days	20 days	30 days
Control	3.376 ±0.0015	3.523 ±0.002	3.952 ±0.0025
HgCl ₂	3.300 ±0.001 (2.25%)*	3.461 ±0.001 (1.75%)*	3.576 ±0.001 (9.51%)*
CuSO ₄	3.355 ±0.0015 (0.62%)*	3.496 ±0.001 (0.76%)*	3.675 ±0.0025 (7.00%)*

Enzyme activity is expressed as unit lipase activity /gm of tissue/ hr at 37°C.

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Treatment	10 days	20 days	30 days
Control	3.298 ±0.0015	3.502 ±0.0025	3.901 ±0.001
HgCl ₂	2.023 ±0.0015 38.65%)*	2.261 ±0.0015 (35.43%)*	2.445 ±0.002 (37.32%)*
CuSO ₄	3.072 ±0.002 (6.85%)*	3.190 ±0.0015 (8.90%)*	3.523 ±0.0015 (9.68%)*

Enzyme activity is expressed as unit lipase activity /gm of tissue/ hr at 37°C.

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Table i3: iLipase iactivity iin ihepatopancreas iof iBarytelphusa iguerini iduring ichronic iexposure ito iHgCl₂ and iCuSO₄ iin isummer iseaon.

Treatment	10 days	20 days	30 days
Control	3.600 ±0.011	3.842 ±0.0025	4.032 ±0.058
HgCl ₂	3.192 ±0.002	3.341 ±0.0015	3.481 ±0.0015

	11.33%***	(13.04%***	(13.66%***
CuSO₄	3.443 ±0.003 (4.36%***	3.682 ±0.002 (4.16%***	3.712 ±0.002 (7.93%**

Enzyme activity is expressed as unit lipase activity /gm of tissue/ hr at 37°C.

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"Seeding Sustainability: Machine Learning Applications In Agricultural Climate Change Adaptation Strategies"

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Abstract:

As global agriculture faces escalating challenges from climate change, the need for innovative and adaptive solutions becomes imperative. This research explores the integration of machine learning techniques in agricultural practices to enhance climate change adaptation strategies. The study focuses on precision agriculture, leveraging data-driven insights to optimize resource utilization, mitigate environmental risks, and bolster resilience against climatic uncertainties. Our findings underscore the efficacy of machine learning models in predicting and managing crop responses to changing climatic conditions, facilitating informed decision-making for farmers. The proposed framework combines advanced analytics, sensor technologies, and automated systems to foster sustainable agricultural practices in the era of climate change.

Keywords: Agriculture, Climate Change, Precision Agriculture, Machine Learning, Sustainability, Resilience, Data-driven Insights, Environmental Risks, Decision-Making.

Introduction:

Climate change poses an unprecedented threat to global agriculture, challenging the resilience of traditional farming practices and necessitating innovative adaptation strategies [1]. As our planet undergoes climatic shifts, characterized by unpredictable weather patterns, extreme events, and alterations in precipitation regimes, the agricultural sector faces heightened uncertainties. In this context, the integration of advanced technologies becomes crucial to address the evolving needs of sustainable and productive farming [2].

This introduction aims to contextualize the pressing issues surrounding climate change impacts on agriculture and sets the stage for the exploration of machine learning as a transformative tool for adaptation [3]. It briefly outlines the current challenges faced by farmers worldwide, emphasizing the urgency of adopting resilient practices. Traditional adaptation strategies, while valuable, are often constrained in their ability to dynamically respond to the fast-changing climatic conditions [4,5].

Recognizing the limitations of conventional approaches, this research delves into the realm of machine learning, a burgeoning field with immense potential to revolutionize agricultural practices [6]. Machine learning, through its data-driven and predictive capabilities, offers a promising avenue for optimizing resource utilization, mitigating

environmental risks, and enhancing the overall resilience of agricultural systems [7].

The subsequent sections of this article will unfold the narrative by reviewing relevant literature, elucidating the methodology employed, presenting and analyzing the results, and culminating in a discussion on the implications of integrating machine learning into agricultural climate change adaptation [8]. By doing so, this research seeks to contribute valuable insights to the discourse on sustainable and adaptive agriculture in the face of a changing climate.

Literature Review:

Climate Change Impacts on Agriculture:

The literature on climate change impacts on agriculture provides a comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced by farming communities globally. Studies consistently highlight the increasing frequency of extreme weather events, shifts in growing seasons, and alterations in precipitation patterns. These changes not only threaten crop yields but also disrupt established farming calendars, posing significant risks to food security [9].

Traditional Adaptation Strategies: Historically, farmers have employed various adaptation strategies to mitigate climate-related risks. These strategies include altering planting dates, crop rotation, and adjusting irrigation practices. While effective to some extent, these conventional approaches often struggle to cope with the rapid and unpredictable nature of contemporary climate changes. As a result,

there is a growing need for innovative solutions that can dynamically respond to evolving environmental conditions [10].

Role of Machine Learning in Agriculture: The intersection of agriculture and machine learning has gained traction in recent years. Machine learning techniques, such as predictive modelling, data analytics, and automated decision-making, offer a paradigm shift in how farmers can address the challenges posed by climate change. Numerous studies have explored the potential of machine learning in predicting crop yields, optimizing resource allocation, and enhancing overall farm management efficiency [11].

Integration of Machine Learning in Climate Change Adaptation: A subset of the literature focuses on specific applications of machine learning in the context of climate change adaptation. These applications range from early detection of pest and disease outbreaks to real-time weather forecasting and precision agriculture. By harnessing the power of data analytics and predictive modelling, machine learning provides farmers with actionable insights, enabling them to make informed decisions that contribute to increased resilience in the face of climate uncertainties [13].

Research Gaps and Future Directions: The literature review concludes by identifying gaps in current research and suggesting avenues for future exploration. Understanding these gaps will guide the present study in contributing novel insights and advancing the discourse on the integration of machine learning in agriculture for effective climate change adaptation. The subsequent sections will delve into the methodology, results, and discussion to offer a comprehensive analysis of the research findings in this evolving field.

Methodology:

Data Collection: The foundation of this research lies in the collection of relevant and diverse datasets encompassing climatic variables, soil characteristics, and historical agricultural practices forms a crucial component of the dataset.

Pre-processing and Cleaning: To ensure the quality and consistency of the dataset, rigorous pre-processing and cleaning procedures are implemented.

Feature Selection: Considering the multidimensional nature of agricultural data, feature selection becomes pivotal in identifying the most relevant variables for model training. Techniques such as correlation analysis and feature importance scores are employed to streamline the dataset, retaining only those features that significantly contribute to the predictive power of the models.

Model Selection and Training: The research employs a range of machine learning algorithms tailored to address the specific objectives of climate change adaptation in agriculture. The models are

trained on a subset of the dataset, validated, and fine-tuned to optimize their performance.

Validation and Evaluation: To ensure the robustness of the machine learning models, rigorous validation and evaluation processes are implemented. Cross-validation techniques are employed to assess model generalization across different subsets of the data.

Implementation of Precision Agriculture Techniques: The machine learning models are integrated into precision agriculture practices, offering real-time decision support to farmers. Automated systems based on model predictions assist in optimizing irrigation schedules, identifying optimal planting times, and managing crop health. This integration aims to demonstrate the practical applicability of machine learning in enhancing climate change adaptation at the farm level.

Ethical Considerations: This research acknowledges the ethical implications of utilizing agricultural and environmental data. Measures are taken to ensure the privacy and security of sensitive information, and data sharing protocols adhere to ethical standards.

The methodology outlined above forms the backbone of this research, providing a robust framework for investigating the integration of machine learning in agricultural climate change adaptation. The subsequent sections will delve into the results of the study, facilitating a comprehensive understanding of the impact and implications of machine learning in the agricultural landscape.

Results:

Model Performance in Crop Yield

Prediction: The application of machine learning models for crop yield prediction yielded promising results. Regression models, trained on historical climate data and crop-specific features, demonstrated a high level of accuracy in forecasting yields.

Pest and Disease Detection Accuracy: The classification models designed for early detection of pests and diseases showcased commendable accuracy in identifying potential threats to crops. By analyzing a combination of environmental variables and crop health indicators, the models proved effective in providing timely alerts to farmers, allowing for targeted intervention and pest management strategies.

Precision Agriculture Zones Identification: Clustering techniques applied to spatial data revealed the identification of distinct zones within agricultural fields. These zones, characterized by similar soil properties and climatic conditions, laid the groundwork for precision agriculture practices. Automated systems integrated with machine learning models assisted in delineating optimal zones for precision planting, irrigation, and nutrient application.

Real-Time Decision Support for Farmers: The successful integration of machine learning models into precision agriculture practices provided real-time decision support for farmers. Automated systems, utilizing predictive analytics, offered recommendations on irrigation schedules, optimal planting times, and personalized crop management strategies.

Validation of Model Generalization: Cross-validation techniques employed to validate the machine learning models demonstrated their generalization across diverse subsets of the dataset. The models exhibited consistent performance across different temporal and spatial dimensions, reaffirming their reliability in adapting to varying climatic conditions and agricultural settings.

Challenges and Limitations: Despite the promising results, the study acknowledges certain challenges and limitations. The availability of comprehensive and high-quality datasets remains a persistent challenge, particularly in certain regions. Additionally, the need for continuous model updates to account for evolving climate patterns and emerging agricultural practices is recognized.

Discussion:

Interpretation of Results: The robust performance of machine learning models in predicting crop yields, detecting pests and diseases, and identifying precision agriculture zones underscores their potential as invaluable tools in climate change adaptation.

Enhanced Resilience and Sustainable Practices: The integration of machine learning into agricultural practices holds the promise of enhancing resilience at both the individual farm and broader industry levels. By providing real-time decision support, these technologies enable adaptive strategies that contribute to sustainable resource management, reduced environmental impact, and improved long-term productivity.

Empowering Farmers: The study's findings emphasize the importance of empowering farmers with technology-driven solutions. Real-time recommendations for irrigation, planting, and pest management empower farmers to make informed decisions, optimizing their operations and mitigating risks associated with climate variability. This empowerment is especially critical for smallholder farmers facing resource constraints.

Scalability and Accessibility: The scalability and accessibility of machine learning technologies in agriculture emerge as crucial considerations. While the study demonstrates promising results, efforts must be directed towards making these technologies accessible to farmers across diverse geographical and socio-economic contexts.

Continuous Adaptation and Model Updates: The dynamic nature of climate change necessitates a commitment to continuous adaptation and model updates. Regular revisions to machine learning

models, incorporating new data and accounting for evolving environmental conditions, are essential to ensure their relevance and effectiveness over time.

Ethical Considerations and Data Privacy: The ethical dimensions of utilizing agricultural data and ensuring data privacy cannot be understated. The study acknowledges the importance of transparent data-sharing protocols, respecting farmers' privacy rights, and implementing responsible practices in data management.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this research contributes to the growing body of knowledge on the intersection of machine learning and agricultural climate change adaptation. The findings encourage a forward-looking perspective, advocating for the widespread adoption of technology to empower farmers, enhance resilience, and navigate the uncertainties posed by a changing climate. As we stand at the intersection of agriculture and innovation, the integration of machine learning emerges as a beacon of hope, guiding the way toward a sustainable and adaptive future for global agriculture.

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Synergizing Enzyme Dynamics with Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning: Paving the Way for Sustainable Development

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Abstract:

This paper explores the integration of enzyme dynamics with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) techniques to drive advancements in sustainable development. By harnessing the power of AI and ML, the study aims to optimize enzymatic processes, improving efficiency and minimizing environmental impact. Real-time data on enzyme kinetics and environmental factors are incorporated into predictive models, enabling adaptive control of industrial processes. The research also delves into AI-assisted enzyme design, fostering the creation of bio-catalysts tailored for specific applications. The envisioned synergy holds promise for addressing sustainability challenges in industries such as biofuels, pharmaceuticals, and waste management. This interdisciplinary approach fosters a greener and more sustainable trajectory for industrial practices.

Keywords: Enzyme dynamics, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Sustainable development, Biocatalysis, Environmental optimization.

Introduction:

Enzymes play a pivotal role in various fields, with their significance extending across industrial, agricultural and environmental applications. The biocatalysts derived from natural source contribute to the development of sustainable practices, fostering biodiversity preservation and supporting ecosystem health. These typically proteins, biological catalysts facilitate and accelerate biochemical reactions, offering numerous benefits in diverse contexts like biocatalysis and green chemistry, food and beverage industry, textile and paper industries, organic farming, enhancing soil health, nutrient availability to crops and overall crop yields, biofuel production, bioremediation process, air purification (Doran and Zeiss, 2000; Gavrilescu and Chisti, 2005; Dlugosz, 2019; Mousavi et al., 2021). Their role in enhancing reaction rates and enabling life-sustaining processes has drawn considerable interest across various scientific disciplines. Their structural, kinetic, and functional properties hold key insights for a multitude of applications spanning drug discovery, biotechnology, and metabolic engineering (Cooper,

2000). Hence, the ability of these biocatalysts to catalyze the reactions with precision, efficiency and environmental compatibility makes them indispensable in addressing the challenges and promoting sustainable practises across these above-mentioned diverse applications (Sheldon and Woodley, 2018).

In the intricate world of enzymes, the study of structural properties of enzymes pivotal kinetic parameters is the K_{cat} , often referred to as the "turnover number". It signifies the number of substrate molecules converted into products per enzyme active site in a unit of time. Understanding the K_{cat} values is critical in unravelling metabolism, proteome allocation, and the physiological diversity of organisms also Fig.1 here represents some major significances of turnover number of enzyme (Roskoski and Robert, 2015; Cornish-Bowden and Athel, 2012).

Definition: The turnover number, denoted as K_{cat} , represents the maximum number of substrate molecules converted into products per enzyme active site per unit time when the enzyme is fully saturated with substrate.

Formula: The turnover number is calculated using the formula:

$$k_{cat} = \frac{\text{Number of molecules of substrate converted to product}}{\text{Number of enzyme active site} \times \text{Time}} = V_{max}/[E]^T$$

where, V_{max} = is the maximal reaction rate or velocity of an enzymatically catalyzed reaction when the enzyme is saturated with its substrate. $[E]^T$ = Total enzyme concentration.

Unit: s^{-1} (indicating the number of substrate molecules converted per second per active site)

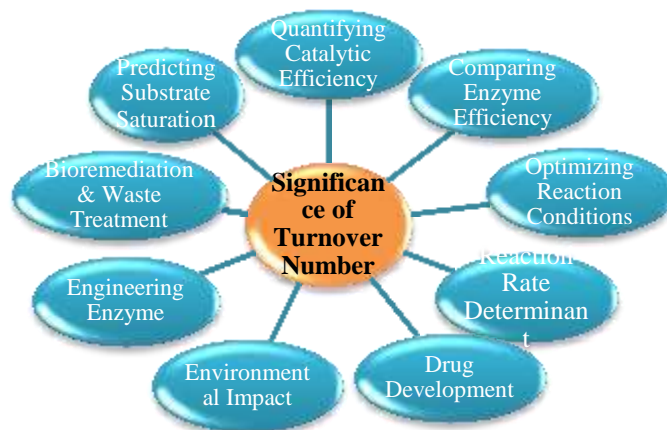


Fig.1. Overview of significance of turnover number of enzymes.

1. Role of Enzymes in Sustainable Development

Enzymes are very crucial player in promoting sustainable practises. These biocatalysts contribute to sustainable practises in various industries by offering eco-friendly solutions. Here's a discussion on how the enzymes contribute to sustainability in key industries:

a. Agriculture:

Biocatalysts contribute to soil health by breaking down organic matter, improving nutrient availability and enhancing soil structure. Cellulase and amylases are best examples for contributing to soil health and hence, support sustainable agriculture practices and reduces the reliance on synthetic fertilizers. An enzyme provides an environmentally friendly alternative to harsh chemical pesticides. The use of enzymatic biopesticides is very beneficial for agriculture sector, as these targets specific pests, minimizing the impact on non-target organisms reducing the presence of chemical residues in soil and crops (*Doran and Zeiss, 2000*).

b. Drug Development:

Enzymes serve as catalysts in pharmaceutical synthesis, enabling the production of drugs with higher yields and fewer byproducts. This green chemistry approach is helpful in reducing the environmental footprints of drug manufacturing. Understanding enzyme turnover number and kinetics is critical for designing drugs that modulate enzyme activity, offering precise and targeted treatments.

c. Bioremediation:

Enzymes play a crucial role in bioremediation processes. Enzymes like oxidoreductase and hydrolases are the key players, as they breakdown pollutants such as hydrocarbons and heavy metals into less harmful or non-toxic substances, contributing to environmental cleanup. Enzymes as well enhance natural degradation processes by accelerating the breakdown of contaminants and minimizes the need for chemicals and mechanical interventions henceforth, making bioremediation a

sustainable solution for soil and water remediation (*Mousavi et al., 2021*).

d. Food and Beverage Industry:

Enzyme are used in food industry for starch conversion, clarification and flavor enhancement. An enzymatic process often requires milder conditions hence, reducing energy consumption and provides sustainable alternatives to traditional methods. Enzyme replaces or reduce the need for certain chemicals in food industries. The use of enzymes here minimizes the environmental impact associated with the production and disposal of chemicals (*Gavrilescu and Chisti, 2005*).

e. Textile Industry:

Enzymes are key players in eco-friendly textile processing. These are involved in processes like desizing, bio-polishing and denim finishing. The enzymatic treatments reduce the need for chemicals and energy-intensive mechanical processes, promoting eco-friendly textile production. Enzymatic processes used in textile industry are water and energy savings, as the processes operate at lower temperature and pH (*Gavrilescu and Chisti, 2005*).

f. Detergent Industry:

Enzymatic stain removal process is used in detergent industries. Proteases and lipases are the key players. Enzymatic detergents are even effective at lower temperature reducing the consumption in washing machines. Enzymes in detergents break down stains into smaller and more degradable compounds and hence this contributes to the development of biodegradable cleaning agents. This minimizes the environmental impact of wastewater from laundry process (*Gavrilescu and Chisti, 2005*).

g. Paper Industry:

Role of enzyme in paper industries are of much useful in process like enzymatic pulping as these biocatalysts lower temperatures and produces less waste compared to traditional chemical methods. Cellulases are used in paper industry to facilitate the pulping process. Use of enzyme reduces environmental footprints. Enzymatic processes in

the paper industry result in reduced chemical usage, energy consumption and environmental pollutants. This hence, aligns with sustainable and eco-friendly manufacturing practices of paper in paper industries (Gavrilescu and Chisti, 2005).

h. Waste Management:

Enzymes are key contributor to the efficient breakdown of organic waste in waste treatment plants. The biocatalysts like hydrolases, lipases, oxidoreductases, oxygenases and lactases are the key players role in efficient waste organic treatment. The enzymatic degradation accelerates the decomposition of organic matter, reducing the volume of waste and the environmental impact of landfill disposal. Enzymatic degradation offers a sustainable approach to addressing plastic pollution, converting plastics into more environmentally friendly by products (Janeeshma et al., 2023).

Traditional enzymatic processes, while highly valuable, face various challenges that necessitates

optimization. Some of the challenges are limited stability and activity of enzyme, substrate specificity, product inhibition, high cost of enzymes, limited operational conditions, low turnover numbers, enzyme recycling and stability and scaling up challenges. Understanding and addressing these challenges are essential for enhancing the efficiency, cost-effectiveness and applicability of enzymatic process. By addressing these challenges by enzyme engineering, process optimization and innovative technologies, the efficiency, sustainability and economic viability of enzymatic process can be significantly improved (Suhyeon et al., 2023).

2. Significance of Optimizing K_{cat} for Sustainable Processes

For fostering sustainability, optimizing turnover number is very crucial. Below are some key points highlighting the significance of optimizing turnover number for sustainable development (Holtmann et al., 2023).

Table 1. Significance of optimizing K_{cat} for sustainable processes. (Holtmann et al., 2023)

Significance	Optimization of Turnover number for sustainable processes
Increased Efficiency	More utilization of enzymes in-turn reducing the amount of enzyme required for the reaction.
Waste Reduction	Production of unwanted byproducts and intermediates are minimized by efficient turnover numbers.
Energy Savings	In bioprocessing industries, faster reactions and higher turnover number often require less energy input.
Green Chemistry	Allows for efficient catalysis at lower temperature and pressures, in turn promoting green chemistry practices and reducing the need of chemicals.
Economic Viability	Industries adopting sustainable practices gain a competitive edge in the market as consumers and stake holders now increasingly value environment responsible approaches.
Biological Diversity Preservation	The approach supports the biodiversity preservation by minimizing the impact of industrial activities on ecosystem.
Cost-Effectiveness	Contribute to increased reaction rates leading into higher productivity.

3. Integration of AI and ML in Enzyme Studies

AI (Artificial Intelligence) and ML (Machine Learning) play a significant role in advancing enzyme research and development by providing many tools and methodologies to analyze complex biological data, predict enzymatic properties and facilitate the design of novel enzymes. To sharpen the functions of enzymes and optimize the conditions under which these biocatalyst work, researchers have found ways by improving the properties of these natural proteins (Fox and Huisman, 2008). Protein design has promised not just new proteins but also the process of designing new proteins. This would reveal the fundamentals truths about protein folding and protein interactions. The various studies performed using AI and ML tools are enzyme sequence and structure analysis, predicting enzyme properties, enzyme engineering and design, prediction of enzyme-substrate interactions, metabolic pathway analysis, biocatalyst selection for industrial applications, high-throughput

screening, data integration and knowledge discovery etc. As applies to enzyme engineering, ML tools provides a way to use biological data at level of organism, protein sequence, protein structure, residues or atoms. The data is used to extract information and then can be used for downstream tasks such as classifying new enzymes, predicting properties for enzymes or their substrates, predicting the optimal microenvironment and finding new enzymes or combination of enzymes that have better catalytic activity (Feehan et al., 2021). Another term, deep learning falls under the broader umbrella of ML. Deep models are large size networks and complex and are able to model difficult data distributions such as data of high dimensionality. These models extract useful patterns from raw data without human interventions. Due to presence of large number of parameters in deep learning models, much more training data is required for model learning process. Hence, with more and more experimental data and more computational power

available ML contributes much effort in the field of enzymology, including the creating of new enzyme databases for training and data pre-processing (Mazurenko *et al.*, 2020).

4. Optimization of Enzyme Performance Considering K_{cat}

AI and ML algorithms process extensive datasets containing information on enzymes sequence, structures and turnover numbers for comprehensive data analysis. These tools hence, analyze the patterns and relationships within data, extracting valuable insights that may not be immediately apparent through traditional methods. An AI and

ML algorithm offers powerful tools for optimizing enzyme performance by analyzing the turnover numbers (K_{cat}). The detailed exploration delves into the various ways in which AI and ML contribute to enhancing the efficiency and catalytic capabilities of enzymes. ML models are useful to extract relevant features of enzymes from complex biological data. In the context of enzyme optimization, features could include amino acid compositions, structural motifs and environmental conditions, which all are important in understanding turnover number of enzymes (Sampaio and Fernandes, 2023).

Table.1. AI and ML models used for studying enzymes and optimizing enzyme performance

Approaches	AI/ML Algorithm or Models	Ref.
Data-Driven Insights	Regression Models, Classification Models, Clustering Models, Dimensionality Reduction Techniques, Deep Learning Models. Linear regression- to predict K_{cat} based on input features, Support Vector Regression - complex relationship data, Random Forest Regression - combines multiple decision trees for robust predictions for handling non-linear relationships, Neural Network Regression – deep learning model Studying kinetic properties, sequential and structural analysis of enzymes - Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forest Classification, Neural network classification, K-Means Clustering, Hierarchical Clustering, Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)	Jiang <i>et al.</i> , 2023 Pasrija <i>et al.</i> , 2022
Predictive Modelling	Learn from historical data enabling researchers to forecast enzyme performance under different conditions and against various substrates – Regression Models Algorithm Diversity – Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forests and Neural Networks	Goodfellow <i>et al.</i> , 2016
Enzyme Engineering and Rational Design	Identification of critical mutations – Random Forests, SVM, Neural Networks, Gradient boosting models – XGBoost Sequence Function Relationship – SVM, Random forests, Deep Learning (Neural Networks), Hidden Markov Models, BLAST, K-mer Based Approaches	Singh <i>et al.</i> , 2021 Goodfellow <i>et al.</i> , 2016
Substrate Specificity Analysis	Binding Site Prediction – SVM, Random Forest, Hidden Markov Model (HMM), Neural Networks, SURFnet Ensemble methods - stacking or bagging can be used to combine the outputs of different algorithms Substrate Similarity Models – Tanimoto coefficient for fingerprints	Banerjee <i>et al.</i> , 2022
Biocatalyst Selection for Industrial Process	Machine Learning Classifiers – Supervised machine learning models (SVM) or Random Forests. Ensemble Learning Cheminformatics Approaches – Neural networks or Support Vector Machines. Modelling Molecular Structures, Enzyme Substrate Interaction or Reaction Network - Graph Neural Networks (GNN) Optimizing Biocatalyst in dynamic or evolving environments – Reinforcement Learning (RL) Deep Learning Models – Deep Neural Networks or Deep reinforcement	Sampaio and Fernandes, 2023

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the exploration of enzyme and its kinetic property, turnover number for sustainable development, coupled with the incorporation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), marks a very important stage in advancing environment practices. Through this comprehensive examination, we elucidated the role of enzymes on various sectors to sustainable development. The study here revealed the significance of optimizing turnover numbers for sustainable processes lies in the transformative

impact it has in resource efficiency, cost – effectiveness and environmental responsibility across various industries. For fostering sustainability, optimizing turnover number is very important. The integration of AI and ML technologies enhances enzyme efficiency through the optimization of diverse factors. Ultimately, our research asserts that AI and ML-driven tools empower the implementation of sustainable practices, emphasizing the pivotal role enzyme plays in shaping a more environment friendly and economically viable world.

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Abstract:

The literacy rate has defined as the percentage of the population of a given age group that can read and write. Literacy is the ability to read, write, speak, and listen in a way that lets us communicate effectively and make sense of the world. The adult literacy rate is the percentage of people ages 15 and above whom can both read and write with an understanding a short simple statement about their everyday. The adult literacy rate corresponds to ages 15 and above, the youth literacy rate to ages 15 to 24, and the elderly to ages 65 and above. The tahsil-wise literacy composition in rural area of Hingoli district is seeing varying and its rate is going to increase in these decades 2001 to 2011. Literacy rate and female literacy rate (Rank 7 and 8): The over all literacy rate of Hingoli is 64.3 % in the Census 2001 which is above the national and the state level. Similarly, the female literacy rate (60%) is also above the national average. But, over the years, there is hardly any improvement recorded with regard to literacy rate including female literacy rate. The major issue that the survey identified was the lack of sufficient middle, secondary and higher education infra-structure in Hingoli. Along with there is a major gap exist with regard to the availability of industrial training institutions in Hingoli. The MSDP can develop project to upgrade the primary schools to middle and middle schools to secondary. Also, the MSDP can look at the viability to set up industrial training institutes in Hingoli district.

Keywords: Literacy, Composition, Rural area, Geographical Factors etc.

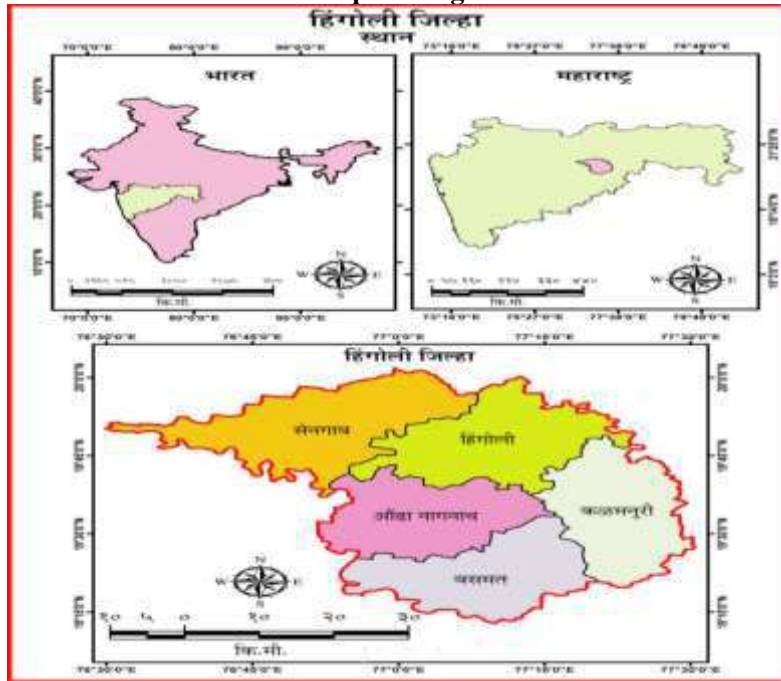
Introduction:

The variation in literacy many times indicates the place of which a society is getting transform. A level of literacy influences to a significant extent the socio- economic development of a region. Literacy also influences fertility mortality and economic composition of the population of a region levels of literacy varies enormously from one country to other. Even with the same country the level of literacy vary between urban and rural areas among male and females and also different occupational and social groups a large numbers of socio-economic factors such as nature of economy level of urbanization, standard of living place of female in society, education opportunities and levels of technological development influences the literacy pattern. The study of population composition is also known as the structure and characteristics of the population. The population is a dynamic factor; it is changing with time. Geographical factors play a major role in population evolution and they impact the continuously changing population of the concerned region. The literacy rate has defined as

the percentage of the population of a given age group that can read and write. Literacy is the ability to read, write, speak, and listen in a way that lets us communicate effectively and make sense of the world. Higher literacy rates are associated with healthier populations, less crime, greater economic growth, and higher employment rate. For a person, literacy is a foundational skill required to acquire an advanced skill. These in turn confer higher wages and more employment across labour markets.

Study area:

Hingoli district is situated in Northern part of Marathwada in state of Maharashtra it is bordered by Akola and Yavatmal District on the northern side, Parbhani is the eastern side and Nanded district in the south eastern sided and lies between 19°20'N to 20°00'N and 76°20'E to 78°00'E respectively. The district of Maharashtra is one of the newest districts in the state. It comes into existence as a result of the division of Parbhani district in ist may 1999 it consists of two sub division mainly Hingoli and Basmat and five talukas, Hingoli, Kalamnuri, Sengaoon, Aundha Nagnath, and Basmat.

Location map of Hingoli District:**Hypothesis of the study:-**

From this study, the hypothesis can be set as “Decadal changes are found in literacy composition in rural area of Hingoli district.” Selection and demarcation of the study area.

Source of data:

For the period 2001 to 2011, the data collected from various secondary sources. The data is assembled from secondary sources were processed and presented by statistical and cartographic techniques not only basis of secondary data but with the help of various statistical and cartographic methods and techniques. Secondary data from socio economic review district census handbooks gazetteers agricultural epitomes’ season and crop report published by department of the agricultural the present research work author.

Discussion and Result:

According to the table no.1, the literacy rate of the Hingoli district in 2001 was 64.3%, and out of

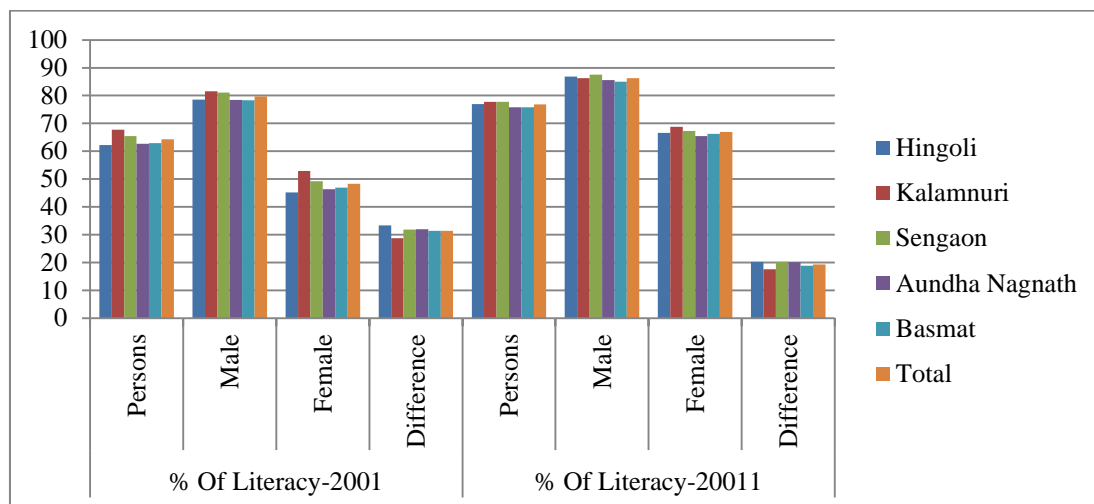
that the male and female rural area literacy rate was 79.7 and 48.3% respectively. There was a 31.4% difference in male and female rural area literacy rates means the female rural area literacy rate is less than 31.4% than the male rural area literacy rate. In 2011, the average literacy rate of Hingoli district was 76.81%. It means the rural area literacy rate is increased by 12.51% in comparison to the 2001 census. The male and female rural area literacy rate was 86.23% and 66.91% respectively. The rural area literacy rate of males is increased by 6.53% in the 2011 decade. The variation in male and female rural area literacy rates is 19.32% in 2011. It means the rural area literacy rate is increasing continuously by decade and the difference between male and female rural area literacy rates also going to decrease. It is a healthier sign for present and future social development. It is also a sign of changing mentality of society in this district.

Table No. 1 Percentages of Rural Area Literacy population in Hingoli District -2001-2011

Sr. No	Tahsil	% Of Literacy-2001				% Of Literacy-20011			
		Persons	Male	Female	Difference	Persons	Male	Female	Difference
1	Hingoli	62.2	78.6	45.2	33.4	76.95	86.80	66.60	20.2
2	Kalamnuri	67.7	81.6	52.9	28.7	77.77	86.32	68.76	17.56
3	Senggaon	65.4	81.1	49.2	31.9	77.71	87.49	67.32	20.17
4	Aundha Nagnath	62.7	78.4	46.4	32.00	75.79	85.61	65.49	20.12
5	Basmat	62.9	78.3	46.9	31.4	75.81	85.02	66.22	18.80
6	District Total	64.3	79.7	48.3	31.4	76.81	86.23	66.91	19.32

Source: Data is compiled by researcher on the basis of district Socio- Economic review and statistical abstract of Hingoli District 2010-2022.

Graph. No: 1. Rural Area Literacy population in Hingoli District -2001-2011



Graph no. 1 shows the difference between male and female rural area literacy rates of Hingoli district in two decades that is 2001, 2011. The highest difference rural area literacy rate between male and females in Hingoli tahsil 33.4 % and the lowest difference in male and female rural area literacy rate in Basmat tahsil in 2001. The highest difference between the male and female rural area literacy rates in Sengaon tahsil 20.17 % and the lowest difference between the male and female rural area literacy rates in Kalamnuri tahsil 17.56 % in 2011. It means the literacy rate of males is greater than females in all tahsil. The highest male literacy rate in Kalamnuri tahsil 81.6 % and the lowest male rural area literacy rate in Basmat tahsil in 2001. The highest female literacy rate in Kalamnuri tahsil 52.9 % and the lowest female rural area literacy rate in Aundha Nagnath tahsil in 2001. In 2011 the highest male rural area literacy rate in Sengaon tahsil 87.49 % and the lowest male literacy rate in Basmat tahsil 85.02%. The highest female rural area literacy rate in Kalamnuri tahsil 68.76 % and the lowest female rural area literacy rate in Aundha Nagnath 65.49 % in 2011.

Conclusion:-

This paper studies that the spatial-temporal variation in rural area literacy pattern of Hingoli district. These variations can be attributed to social, cultural, and economic factors severely impacting on literacy of the district. There was a 31.4% difference in male and female rural area literacy rate, meaning the female literacy rate is less than 31.4% than the male rural area literacy rate. The variation in male and female literacy rates is 19.32% in 2011. The rural area literacy rate of males is increased by 6.53% in the 2011 decade. The highest difference rural area literacy rate between male and females in Hingoli tahsil 33.4 % and the lowest difference in male and female rural area literacy rate in Basmat tahsil in 2001. The highest difference between the male and female rural area literacy rates in Sengaon tahsil 20.17 % and the lowest difference between the male

and female rural area literacy rates in Kalamnuri tahsil 17.56 % in 2011. The comparative study of four decades shows the increasing of rural area literacy slightly. The rate of rural area literacy varies tahsil to tahsil in Hingoli district for increasing the literacy, especially in rural area, need to provide transport facilities, totally free education, and strong protection.

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Eco-friendly Heterocyclic Synthesis of benzopyran Derivatives by Using Gel Entrapped Catalysts (GEBs)

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Abstract:

A protocol has been developed for the efficient synthesis of structurally diverse tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyran via three-component reactions of dimedone, malanonitrile with various aldehydes and in the presence of gel entrapped NaOH as a catalyst.

Keywords: Gel Entrapped Base Catalyst, tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyran, recyclability

Introduction:

Multicomponent reactions (MCRs) have attracted considerable attention owing to high synthetic efficiency, and, in many cases, the facile construction of novel molecular libraries. These methodologies are of particularly great utility when they lead to the formation of privileged medicinal scaffolds. Tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyrans are an important class of heterocyclic scaffolds in the field of drugs and pharmaceuticals. These compounds are widely used anti-coagulant, anti-cancer and anti-anginal spasmolytic agents.¹⁻⁴ In addition, they have been shown to act as cognitive enhancers, for the treatment of neurodegenerative disease, including Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral Sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, AIDS associated dementia and Down's syndrome as well as for the treatment of Schizophrenia and myoclonus.^{5, 6} The polyfunctionalized benzopyrans are used as cosmetics, pigments and biodegradable agrochemicals.⁷ Other than their biological importance, some tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyrans have been widely used as photoactive materials.⁸ Looking at their importance from pharmacological and industrial point of view, several methods for the multi-component synthesis of tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyrans have been reported. These include both homogeneous as well as heterogeneous conditions, catalyzed by Na₂SeO₄, hexadecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium bromide,⁹ NaBr,¹⁰ tetra-methyl ammonium hydroxide (CH₃)₄ N⁺OH⁻,¹¹ TEBA,¹² KF-montmorillonite,¹³ KF-alumina,¹⁴ organocatalysts,¹⁵ acetic acid,¹⁶ diammonium hydrogen phosphate¹⁷ and hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide.¹⁸

Microwaves¹⁹ and ultrasonic irradiation²⁰ have also been used to promote the reaction. Although the literature on synthesis of tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyrans enjoys a rich array of versatile methodologies, new efficient approaches can be valuable additions to the contemporary arsenal of synthetic strategies. The concept of gel entrapped base catalysts (GEBs) combines the advantages of alkali and organic bases with those of heterogeneous supports.²¹ These catalysts are prepared by immobilization of alkali or organic bases by entrapping them in an aqueous gel matrix of agar-agar which is a polymer composed of repeating agarobiose units alternating between 3-linked β-D-galactopyranosyl (G) and 4-linked 3, 6-anhydro-α-L-galactopyranosyl (LA) units (**Fig. 1**). The use of GEBs in organic transformations abates the amount of bases used and affords easy and efficient separation of products from the catalyst simply by filtration. Often, bases like alkalis absorb moisture when exposed to air and get spoiled. On the contrary, the GEBs do not absorb moisture on exposure to air and remain intact. They also provide excellent opportunity of recyclability and reusability which is rarely possible using bases alone as catalyst. Further advantages of GEBs include their ease of handling and being less corrosive. However, despite of their well recognized advantages, there have been only limited and sporadic reports dealing with the use of GEBs in organic synthesis.²²

In continuation to our research work devoted to the development of green methodologies for MCRs,²³ we report herein an efficient synthesis of

tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyrans from dimedone, malanonitrile and aryl aldehydes in the presence

Results and Discussion:

We focused our initial studies on synthesis of Gel entrapped NaOH (acronymed as GENaOH). A series of experiments were undertaken in which different concentrations of NaOH (5-25 %) were dissolved in a varying amount of agar-agar in water. After a considerable experimentation, we found that 20 % w/w of agar-agar aqua gel containing 10 % NaOH resulted in the formation of soft gel that served as GEBC in the present work. The GENaOH was light yellow jelly like substance that could be cut into pieces (**Fig. 2**). The changes in physical nature of GENaOH were studied in different solvents. The GENaOH swelled in water and became soft. The nature of gel remained intact in organic solvents like ethanol, acetone, dichloromethane, toluene and isopropanol. The TGA analysis of agar-agar and GENaOH are displayed in fig. The TGA profiles show three different weight losses at different temperatures. The fourth weight loss which occurs below 150 °C for GENaOH as well as agar could be due to removal of physisorbed or occluded water. The second step of decomposition which is initial above 240 °C in both agar-agar as well as GENaOH differed in their amount of respective weight losses (GENaOH ~ 8%, agar-agar 63.5% could be assigned to thermal decomposition of agar polymer was agar-agar. The decomposition of remaining polymer matrix is accompanied with ~21 % weight loss. Third step in the temperature range of 440-480 °C. On the other hand the additional exothermic weight loss centered at 710 °C is observed and could be assigned the decomposition of carbonates frame if any. The entrapment of NaOH in gel matrix is evidenced by the comparatively large residual weight observed in the TGA profile of GENaOH than that of agar-agar. In order to assess the catalytic activity of GENaOH in the synthesis of tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyrans (**Scheme 1**), an equimolar mixture of dimedone, malanonitrile and benzaldehyde (5 mmol each) was stirred in the presence of 1 gm of GENaOH in ethanol at ambient temperature till the completion of reaction as monitored by thin layer chromatography. The reaction proceeded efficiently yielding the corresponding tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyran in 91% yield in just 5-15 minutes. In order to check the generality of this methodology, a series of tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyrans were prepared by reaction of dimedone, malanonitrile with various

of Gel entrapped NaOH as a catalyst.

aryl aldehydes. We were gratified to find that with both electron-poor and electron-rich benzaldehydes, the corresponding products were obtained in excellent yields. The reaction of the sterically hindered *o*-nitrobenzaldehyde even gave higher yields highlighting the general applicability of the protocol. The striking feature of all the reactions was the isolation of products. During the course of the reaction the product precipitates out and can be isolated simply by filtration. The product obtained after sufficient washing with water was found to be practically pure. The identity of all the compounds was ascertained on the basis of IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectroscopy data. The physical and spectroscopic data are in consistent with the proposed structures. It has been well established that in case of the GEBCs, the reagent trapped in the gel may leach into the solvent. To study the leaching of NaOH in solvent, 1 gm GENaOH was stirred in 5 mL of ethanol at room temperature. The GENaOH was filtered and water (3 mL) was added to the filtrate. The NaOH leached out was determined by titration with 0.1 N succinic acid solution using phenolphthalein as an indicator. The study revealed that only 3.91 % NaOH leached out from gel into ethanol. Using the amount of NaOH same as that leached out, the reaction between dimedone, malanonitrile and benzaldehyde did not give quantitative yield of the corresponding product. This clearly demonstrated that catalysis was solely due to intact GENaOH rather than leached NaOH. A proposed mechanism for the formation of tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]pyrans using GENaOH is depicted in (**Fig. 5**). The mechanism suggests that in step-1 Knoevenagel condensation takes place to form the α -cynocinnamionitrile derivative. In step-2 the active methylene of dimedone reacts with the electrophilic C=C double of α -cynocinnamionitrile giving the intermediate 6, which tautomerizes into 7. The latter is then cyclized by nucleophilic attack of the OH group on the cyano (CN) moiety, giving intermediate 8. Finally, the expected product 4 is afforded by tautomerization (8-4). The use of catalyst is especially interesting when it can be used several times. To investigate the possibility of catalyst recycling, the reaction of dimedone, malanonitrile with benzaldehyde using GENaOH in ethanol was carried out. After completion of the reaction, the GENaOH was recovered by simple filtration, washed with

ethanol and reused in another reaction with identical substrates. The catalyst could be reused

Experimental:

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer FTIR spectrometer. The samples were examined as KBr discs ~5% w/w. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avon 300 MHz spectrometer using DMSO/ CDCl_3 as solvent and TMS as internal reference. Mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu QP2010 GCMS with an ion source temperature of 280°C . The thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) curves were obtained by using the instrument STA 1500 in the presence of static air at a linear heating rate of $10^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ from 25° to 1000°C . Melting points were determined in an open capillary and are uncorrected. All chemicals were obtained from local suppliers and used without further purification.

Preparation of gel entrapped NaOH:

To a boiling mixture of agar-agar (20 Mg) in water (60 mL) was added a solution of NaOH (10 gm) in water (100 mL). The resultant solution was boiled with stirring for five minutes and cooled in ice bath to yield the desired GENaOH.

General procedure for the multi-component synthesis of tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrans:

A mixture of dimedone (5 mmol), malanonitrile (5 mmol) and aryl aldehyde (5 mmol) was stirred in the presence of GENaOH (1 gm) in 5 mL of ethanol at ambient temperature till the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC. The resulting crude product was filtered off, washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol to afford the desired product.

Spectral data of representative compounds

2-Amino-3-cyano-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-7,7-dimethyl-5-oxo-4-phenyl-4H-benzopyran: IR

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for five runs without noticeable drop in the yield of product (**Fig. 4**).

(KBr): ν 3396, 3323, 3213, 2961, 2199, 1976, 1660, 1371 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.05 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 2.21 (d, 1H), 2.22 (d, 1H), 2.44 (s, 2H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 7.17-7.31 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 27.39, 28.92, 32.13, 35.88, 50.52, 59.03, 113.36, 120.03, 126.92, 127.50, 128.57, 144.78, 158.91, 162.73, 196.05; MS (EI): m/z = 294 (M^+).

2-Amino-3-cyano-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-7,7-dimethyl -4-(4'-hydroxy, 3-methoxy)- 5-oxo - 4H-benzopyran: IR (KBr): ν 3497, 3323, 3215, 2192 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.95 (s, 3H), 1.03(s, 3H), 2.03-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 6.29 (s, 2H), 6.46-6.64 (m, 3H) ; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 27.32, 28.19, 29.07, 31.88, 32.11, 35.33, 50.60, 55.88, 59.52, 111.69, 113.71, 115.60, 119.73, 135.96, 145.53, 147.49, 158.70, 162.12, 195.82; MS (EI): m/z = 340 (M^+).

Conclusion:

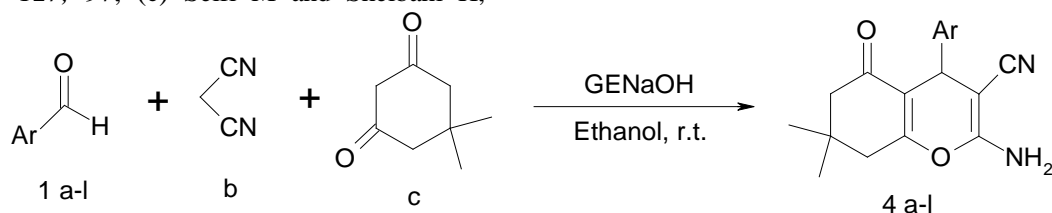
We have described a general and highly efficient procedure for the preparation of multi-component synthesis of tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrans from dimedone, malanonitrile and aryl aldehydes in the presence of gel entrapped NaOH. The method offers several significant advantages, such as high conversions, easy handling, clean reaction profile, no energy consumption, high conversions, cost effective short reaction time and green methodology which make it a useful and an attractive addition to the existing methodologies.

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Scheme 1: GENaOH catalyzed multicomponent synthesis of tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrans



Fig. 2: Photograph of GENaOH

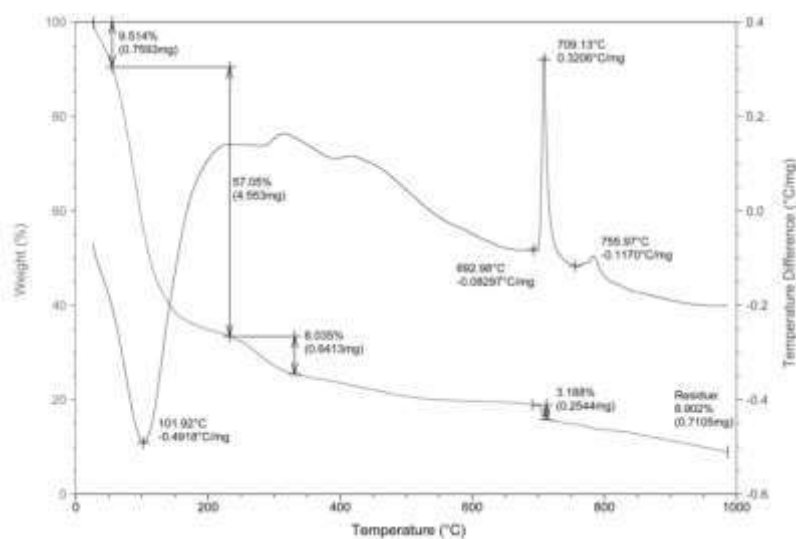


Fig.3: DSC-TGA graph of GENaOH

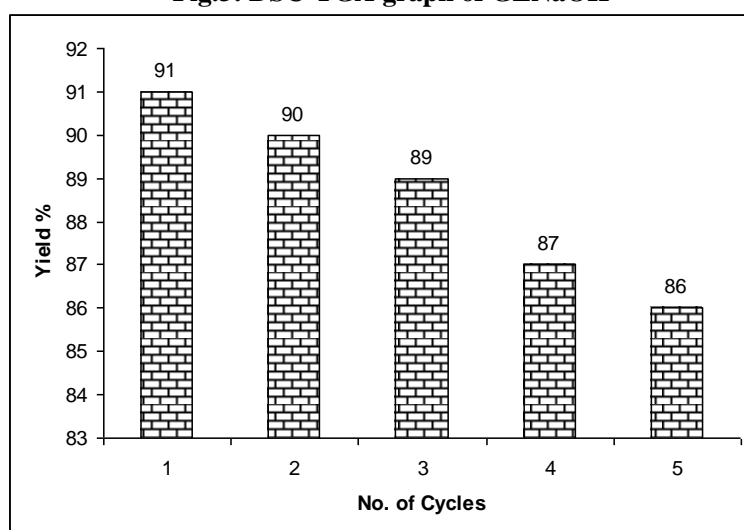


Fig. 4: Recyclic use of GENaOH terahydrobenzo[b]pyran synthesis



Importance of Hybrid Learning

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Abstract:

The term hybrid learning describes a type of learning where certain in-person course components are replaced by virtual ones. The COVID-19 epidemic has a significant impact on higher education since it gives students a richer educational experience. Using hybrid classroom technologies like learning management systems, video conferences, and asynchronous learning, hybrid learning combines virtual and in-person instruction. By mixing different delivery modes, hybrid learning aims to give education as efficiently as possible. I go over the significance and advantages of hybrid learning in this study.

Introduction:

A complex fusion of online and in-person instruction is called hybrid learning. This methodology blends the use of online multimedia resources with traditional in-class instruction. Learning at one's own pace is made feasible for students by the availability of resources like as readings, discussion boards, and lectures at any time. For students who require more time to assimilate knowledge or who wish to get more out of their in-person class sessions, hybrid learning can be very helpful.

Importance of Hybrid learning: Provided the following recommendations on the significance of hybrid learning:

a. Creating new opportunities: Including technology into your lessons outside of the conventional classroom setting can help you and your students evaluate a number of additional benefits and acquire insights into a variety of specialized topics. Technology aids in clearing administrative backlogs in the classroom and investigating more effective strategies for maintaining students' attention. The straightforward design of the classroom makes it harder for pupils to follow the flow of learning, which is a recognized method of educating developing minds. Understanding the latest developments in education can make classrooms and interactions with young students more expansive and focused. Modifying the learning environment or introducing technology.

b. Promotes experimentation and exploration:

using a variety of methods by teachers and students. that even though it's the most successful program you offer, it could become a daily chore. Introducing new innovations fosters a testing environment that enables venturing beyond of one's comfort zone and looking into other possibilities. Innovative content can be introduced into the classroom through hybrid learning, thanks to integrated machinery. They mimic a powerful device to prepare pupils for well-liked careers that require workers to develop and comprehend a world full of novel inventions. In addition to new and developing smart devices, young students can use other inventions, expand their minds, and attempt to show their work in novel and creative ways.

c. Aids in Connection Facilitation:

By improving several tools, teachers can engage students and their peers in conversation and brainstorming outside of the classroom. For some timid pupils, these tools offer a more comfortable way to communicate over long distances. Every program should include an online assessment to help your students become more engaged with the material and enthusiastic about learning. To help students understand the relationship between the knowledge they are gaining and the methods by which they are gaining it, online learning features tasks that are closely related to the information outcomes. These resources might present fresh ideas for how to evaluate and involve students as they

progress through the course and enhance their

Benefits of Hybrid learning

1. Enhanced flexibility
2. Learning is easily accessible
3. Better implementation of teaching resources
4. Student absenteeism rate reduced

Benefits for students

a. Boost student interest: When technology is incorporated into classroom instruction, students become more attentive and approachable. Technology gives disciplines like science and math a fresh flavor that makes learning more enjoyable for students.

b. Maintain student attention for longer: The internet's audio and visual resources contribute to a concept's stronger mental impression on learners. When students focus and gaze at the digitalized data instead of constantly peeking at the books, it becomes easier for them to understand the subject. Getting and exploring additional knowledge is also beneficial.

c. Gives students autonomy: With the ease with which e-learning resources may be applied to any subject, learners are better equipped to set goals for their learning.

d. Establish a mindset of self-advocacy: Blended learning does, in fact, make students self-reliant, enabling them to manage their academic obligations and realize their long-term objectives.

e. Encourage student ownership: Hybrid learning fosters a motivational learning environment that supports the pursuit of individual performances and the instillation of positional feelings.

f. Instant diagnostic data and student feedback: By being able to swiftly assess and present learners with the results, teachers may improve the effectiveness of their teaching strategies and provide feedback tailored to each student while also increasing time efficiency.

g. Gives students the freedom to learn at their own pace: If needed, learners can receive advanced-level learning materials to help them retain more information and determine whether or not their time is appropriate.

h. Prepare students for the future: Future-ready instruction has various benefits, including helping kids develop real-world abilities like self-reliance and self-driving force, as well as rapid decision-making, personal property management, and computer literacy.

Benefits for teachers

- a. Teaching is cost-effective, more accessible, and time-saving as well.
- b. The most effective characteristic of hybrid learning is that the learner can access the

comprehension.

learning material according to his or her time suitability at its place.

- c. Different sources of material bring an interactive interest in students to learn new things and acquire knowledge.
- d. Pacing can be high or low according to this student's comfort ability in gaining information retention, reducing stress, and inculcating one's fulfillment.
- e. Various modes are available for learners and teachers to communicate in e-learning, like chat rooms, discussion boards, and e-mail. Learners can keep a record of their performance whenever they want.
- f. Many tasks are provided, including various learning styles, which increase students 'perspectives on different learning factors.
- g. Hybrid learning offers benefits to students, teachers and management, hybrid learning worldwide level of education during the covid 19 pandemic situations.

Advantages of Hybrid learning:

1. Student's to learn at a own pace
2. Students can participate in a variety of synchronous and asynchronous learning activities that are aligned to their learning styles
3. Increased flexibility a hybrid approach gives control to students over the time, place and pace of learning this flexibility often translates to increased attendance and participation in the classes.
4. Sophisticated assessments and reporting comprehensive student evaluation, peer benchmarking facilities and granular reporting are all made possible through the use of technology in the hybrid learning model.
5. Instant feedback customized assessments; participation in live lectures, live chats with teachers are ways of providing immediate feedback to students that is very valuable for learning.
6. Use of technology to increase scope of personalization and engagement
7. Use of artificial intelligence will help to customize learning to suit different learning styles that eventually leads to better learning outcomes.
8. Gamification, self-paced learning, short videos with inter leaved exercises are different ways in which technology can help make the hybrid learning environment more productive.
9. Saves precious time, money and energy spent on commuting long distances.

10. Students become self-directed learners in a hybrid approach to learning, the learner has considerable responsibility to accomplish the learning task, and this helps the student to

gradually move to a self-directed learning style a style of learning that is very effective in the long run, particularly for higher studies.

Conclusion:

Hybrid learning allows a flexible approach to learning process performed collaboratively by the students, the teachers, and the participating experts or institution. Based on the four constructs identified, the key feature of hybrid learning is that it can be adjusted according to the needs of the learner, the course, and the other significant indicator such as space, time and space. Unlike the traditional learning approach, hybrid learning could offer an array of opportunities for time and space constrained individuals. Hybrid learning has also been found conceptually effective and applicable in different forms for collaborative learning approaches in cross disciplines institutional bridging, and in non-formal settings.

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The Progression and Developments in the Synthesis and Alterations of Zinc Ferrite Nanoparticles: A Review

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Abstract:

The production of zinc ferrite is a magnetic spectacle of irresistible journey, a process not only creates nanoparticles but also attracts everyone with its spellbinding blend of simplicity and allure. Witnessing the magic unfold, these nanoparticles materialize with ease, as the symphony of wet and dry techniques plays the melody of convenience. This review extensively discusses the different production methods and modifications employed in zinc ferrite synthesis, highlighting their distinctive and significant contributions to the latest advancements in various fields. Though many advances have been developed in zinc ferrites research, challenges still remain to solve out. Aspects to be improved include innovative preparation methods, extensive doping and modification methods, and detailed study of the light absorption and photocatalytic mechanisms of multidimensional materials are needed. With the efforts of researchers and the advancement of preparation and characterization techniques, it is believed that ZnFe_2O_4 photocatalysts can be widely utilized in industrial applications in the near future.

Keywords: zinc ferrite, synthesis, alterations, doping, industrial applications, photocatalyst.

Introduction:

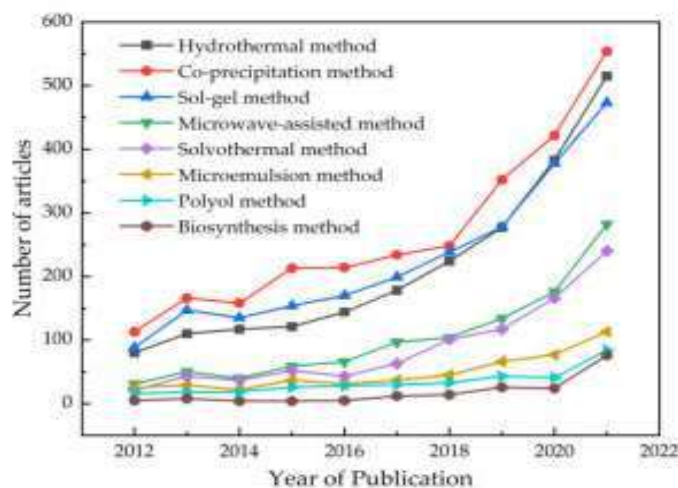
In recent decades, there has been significant growth in urbanization and industrialization, performing in inordinate energy consumption and posterior environmental issues. To address these enterprises, scientists have been developing indispensable measures on a diurnal base. Spinel ferrite nanoparticles have surfaced as a promising result to alleviate these challenges. With their unique glamorous parcels, spinel ferrite nanoparticles find operations in colorful fields including medical bias, sewage and water treatments, electronic factors, and gas seeing [1]. Unlike typical essence oxide ferrites, spinel ferrites

Parade both semiconductor and glamorous parcels, with a narrow band gap of 1.9 eV [1, 2]. This review composition focuses on the medication processes, variations, operations, and the rearmost advancements in zinc ferrite nanoparticles.

Preparation processes:

Around 950 articles have been published between 2012 and 2021, focusing on the keywords 'zinc ferrite' and 'preparation methods'. These articles explore various techniques for preparing zinc ferrite, including hydrothermal method, co-precipitation methods, sol-gel method, microwave-assisted method, solvo-thermal method, micro-emulsifier method, polyol method, and biosynthesis method [3-8].

Figure: Survey of zinc ferrite from 2012 to 2021 with different preparation methods.



Hydrothermal / Solvo-thermal process:

In the hydrothermal process, zinc and ferrous salts are introduced into water in a predetermined ratio, and various solvents are subsequently added. The mixture is then subjected to continuous stirring and heated in an autoclave, resulting in the formation of a powdered composite [9]. One drawback of using insoluble solvents in the hydrothermal process can be easily overcome by employing soluble solvents in the solvo-thermal process. The selection of appropriate solvents plays a crucial role in the solvo-thermal process [10].

Co-precipitation technique:

To produce ferrite metal oxides, the soluble metal ions are dissolved in a solvent and subsequently precipitated. The resulting precipitate is then dried under appropriate temperature and conditions. This approach typically requires a significant amount of time and poses challenges in maintaining the desired temperature changes [11, 12].

Sol-gel method:

The sol-gel method is considered the most effective wet technique for producing metal ferrite nanoparticles. This process involves transforming the mixture solution into gels, which are subsequently dried to yield the precursors' oxides [13]. Furthermore, subjecting the final product to high temperatures can effectively eliminate any contaminations present.

Bio-synthesis method:

A promising future lies ahead for the bio-synthetic method of forming zinc ferrite, which offers a simple, cost-effective, and waste-free synthesis. In this study, extracts from different plants were combined with nanoparticles to create the desired oxides [14], resulting in the formation of ferrites.

Modifications of Zinc ferrite:

Various modifications, both morphological and chemical, have been conducted on ferrite composites in order to improve their

Latest developments and Conclusion:

Despite the considerable advancements achieved in the realm of zinc ferrites investigation, there remain numerous hurdles that necessitate attention. These obstacles encompass the advancement of inventive techniques for preparation, thorough exploration of doping and modification methodologies, and a comprehensive examination of the mechanisms governing light absorption and photocatalysis in multidimensional materials [25]. Over the past few years, there has been a noteworthy surge in research dedicated to ZnFe₂O₄ photocatalysts.

chemical properties, structure, stability, withholding tendency, efficiency, and performance. To alter the cell size within the materials, elemental doping is employed, utilizing metal ions like Cu, Co, Mg, Al, and others. This process significantly impacts the band gap and active sites of the metal ferrites, thereby exerting a profound influence on their electrical, photochemical, and magnetic properties. Son et al. conducted a study on Ni-ZnFe₂O₄ [15], while Somvanshi et al. focused on Mg-based zinc ferrite [16]. The band gaps observed in their respective studies were 1.81 eV and 2.39 eV. Musa et al. proposed the use of Al-doped ZnFe₂O₄ nanofibers [17], which demonstrated the incorporation of Al ions into the zinc ferrite structure, resulting in a modified material composition. The adjustment of various factors such as mixture ratio, reaction time, reactant concentration, temperature, and solvent ratio can significantly impact the properties of zinc ferrites [18]. These modifications can enhance electrical conductivity, magnetic properties, and ion interaction, while also influencing the crystallographic direction of the precursor material after mixing [19].

Applications of Zinc ferrite:

Carbon-based zinc ferrite is highly recommended for its effective catalyst applications [20]. This particular type of ferrite creates superoxide and hydroxyl groups on its surface, which are crucial for degrading pollutants. It is widely used in treating wastewater pollution [21] and combating antimicrobial resistance [22]. Additionally, these ferrites can enhance anti-corrosion and antimicrobial properties. The combined magnetic properties of zinc ferrites make them suitable for high-frequency devices such as inductors and transformers [23]. Moreover, the superparamagnetic behavior of these ferrites has garnered significant attention in the field of medicine, particularly in drug delivery and biosensors [24].

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A Hypotrich Ciliate *Oxytricha bifaria* (Ciliophora: Sporadotrichida) From Gangapur Dam in Nashik

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Abstract:

The study has been undertaken for the period from Nov 2021 to March 2022. The water samples were collected from Gangapur Dam located in Nashik, Maharashtra, India. During the present investigation a protozoan hypotrich ciliate *Oxytricha bifaria* (Stokes, 1887) was found and identified morphologically. Shape and size of the organism, length of the Adoral Zone of Membranella (AZM), number, position and shape of the macronucleus and micronucleus, number and position of cirri considered for identification of the present species.

Keywords: Freshwater, Morphology, Protozoan, Taxonomy, Cirri.

Introduction:

Members of the genus *Oxytricha* are highly flexible have an ellipsoidal body with AZM a third to quarter the body length. 2 rows of marginal cirri joining posteriorly serving to distinguish it from the related *Opisthotricha* and *Tachysoma*. With or without caudal cirri. Typical arrangement of front-ventral cirri and transverse cirri present. The 3 most anterior cirri large and strong. 2 macronuclei, each with an adjacent micronucleus. Many species have been described. This is the most species-rich genus in the hypotrichs. Kahl's (1932) 7 subgenera are now recognized as genera; however, Jankowski (1979) returns to the amended subgenera and adds 2 new ones. (Colin et.al. 2014). *Oxytricha bifaria* is a freshwater hypotrich; it is subelliptical in shape (110-120 by 60-70 μ m) and lives by feeding on bacteria and dividing vegetatively (Daniela, 1987). Both the general morphology and the ultrastructure distinguish the giants (cannibals) of *Oxytricha bifaria* from the normal cells. (Rosati 1988). The heteromorphic life cycle of the freshwater hypotrich *Oxytricha bifaria* comprehends at least 3 phases: conjugating pairs, resting cysts and carnivorous giants. The gigantic forms represent unique adaptive devices which enable the species to survive in a certain environment when the normal bacterial food is exhausted (Ricci, 1991).

Material and Methods:

Water samples were collected in plastic bottles and brought to the laboratory. These samples were then examined under the microscope for further study directly by taking the water drop on a slide which was covered with a cover slip to prevent the drop from drying. Protozoa usually swim rapidly in water and hence are difficult to identify. To immobilize, 10% methyl cellulose was added to the water drop on slide. This slows the movement of

organism without immediate death or bursting. Smears are fixed in Schaudinn's fixative and stained with haematoxyline stain. Morphological characters were studied in live condition in light microscope under 40X magnification.

Description of genus:

The genus *oxytricha* is first time reported by Bory, 1825. It is the member of class spirotrichea (Butschli, 1887). *Oxytricha* have right and left marginals. The organisms of genus *oxytricha* have ellipsoid and flexible body. Ventral surface of their body is flattened and dorsal surface is convex. They usually have 8 frontal, 5 ventral and 5 anal cirri. Adoral Zone of Membranella (AZM) is either 1/3 or 1/2 of body length. They are mostly found in fresh water or marine water. The species included under the genus *Oxytricha* are *Oxytricha fallax*, *Oxytricha bifaria*, *Oxytricha ludibunda*, *Oxytricha setigera*, *Oxytricha lanceolata* and *Oxytricha susheelumn*. During present investigation *Oxytricha bifaria* was reported from the Gangapur Dam and identified morphologically.

Results and Discussion:

Description of species:

Oxytricha bifaria was firstly reported by Stokes, 1887. It is broadly ellipsoid in shape and posterior end is pointed. Body measures 90 μ to 108 μ in length and 45 μ to 53 μ in width. Adoral Zone of Membranella (AZM) extends to one third of the body length. It contains 2 ovoid macronuclei and two small rounded micronuclei. 8 frontal, 5 ventral and 5 anal cirri are present. Present species is collected from the freshwater. In live condition it is observed that the ciliate shows forward and backward movements while swimming into the water with help of cirri.

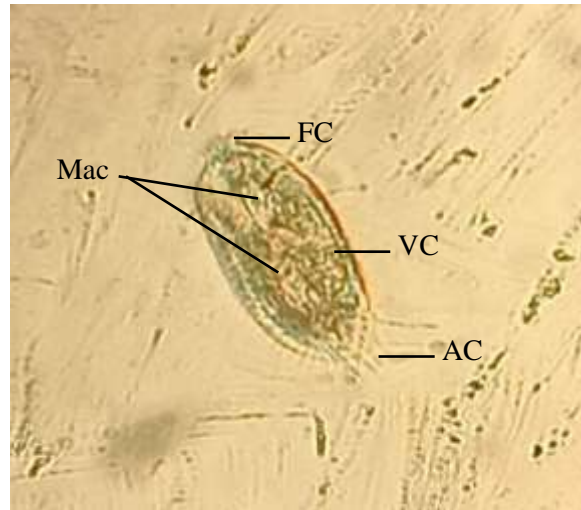


Figure 1: *Oxytricha bifaria* (40X): Live organism showing the Frontal Cirri (FC), Ventral Cirri (VC) and Anal Cirri (AC); two ovoid Macronuclei (Mac)



Figure 1: *Oxytricha bifaria* (10X): Live organism swimming in the water drop on the slide.

Systematic position:

Domain: Eukaryota

Kingdom: Protozoa Goldfuss, 1818, Rown, 1858

Subkingdom: Biciliata

Infrakingdom: Alveolata Cavalier and Smith, 1991

Phylum: Ciliophora Doflein, 1901, Copeland, 1956

Subphylum: Intramacronucleata Lynn, 1996

Class: Spirotrichea Butschli, 1889

Subclass: Stichotrichia Small and Lynn, 1985

Order: Sporodotrichida Fauré-Fremiet, 1961

Family: Oxytrichidae Ehrenberg, 1838

Subfamily: Oxytrichinae Jankowski

Genus: *Oxytricha* Bory de Saint-Vincent., 1824

Species: *O. bifaria* Stokes, 1887

Comments: (Table)

The present species *Oxytricha bifaria* is ellipsoid in shape and its posterior end is pointed while *O. fallax* has their posterior end broadly rounded, *O. ludibunda* has both the end rounded, *O.*

setigera also has both ends rounded, *O. susheelumn* spp. has broadly rounded posterior end.

O. bafaria measures 90μ-108μ long and hence matches with the size of the *O. bifaria* and differs from other species of the genus *Oxytricha*. *O. fallax* is much larger than the present species and *O.*

ludibunda is smaller than the present species and hence present species separates from these two in dimensions.

Present species has 2 ovoid macronuclei and hence similar to *O. fallax*, *O. ludibunda*, *O. fallax*, *O. lanceolata*. Which also possess two ovoid macronuclei but differs from *O. susheelumn* in size as it has 2 ovoid but large macronuclei. Adoral zone of membranelle in *O. bifaria* is 1/3 of its body length. It is found similar in all species except *O. susheelumn*. In which the AZM is one half of its body length.

In present species 8 frontal, 5 ventral and 5 anal cirri were observed which resembles this

Table: Comparison of present species with the species of genus *Oxytricha*.

Particulars	<i>O. fallax</i> Stein, 1859	<i>O. bifaria</i> Stokes, 1887	<i>O. ludibunda</i> Stokes 1891	<i>O. setigera</i> Stokes, 1891	<i>O. lanceolata</i> Shibuya, 1930 Shaikh, 2006	<i>O. susheelum</i> . Deshmukh, 2012	<i>O. bifaria</i> Present species
Body Shape	Ellipsoid, Posterior end broadly rounded	Ellipsoid, Posterior end pointed	Ellipsoid, both ends rounded	Elongated ellipsoid, Both ends rounded	Elongate, oval, Both ends rounded	Ellipsoid, broad, posterior end broadly rounded	Ellipsoid posterior end pointed
Body dimensions	250µ in length	100µ in length	50µ in length	125µ in length	75-120µ in length	63.56µ to 83.99µ in length and 31.78µ to 36.32µ in width	90-108 µ in length and 45µ to 53µ in width
Macronuclei	2, ovoid	2, ovoid	2, ovoid	2, ovoid	2, oval	2, large ovoid	2, ovoid
AZM	1/3 body length	1/3 body length	1/3 body length	1/3 body length	---	½ body length	1/3 body length
Cirri	8F, 5V, 5A	8F, 5V, 5A	8F, 5V, 5A	8F, 5V, 5A	5F, 5V, 3A	8F, 5V, 5A	8F, 5V, 5A
Habitat	Fresh Water	Fresh Water	Fresh Water	Fresh Water	Fresh water	Fresh Water	Fresh water

AZM-Adoral Zone of Membranelle, **F**-Frontals, **V**- Ventrals and **A**- Anals

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Novel Cr(III), Mn(III), Fe(III), VO(IV) And UO₂(VI) Complexes With Bidentate Schiff-Base Ligand: Synthesis, Spectroscopy, Thermal Analysis And Biological Studies

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Abstract:

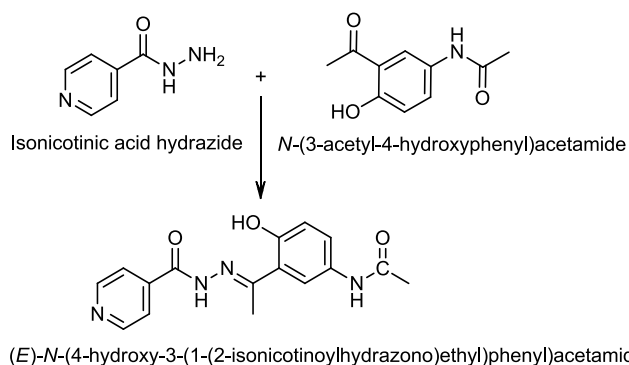
Metal complexes of Cr(III), Mn(III), Fe(III), VO(IV) and UO₂(VI) complexes with Schiff base derived from N-(3-acetyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide with isonicotinic acid hydrazide have been synthesized. The synthesized compounds were characterized by elemental analysis, magnetic susceptibility, molar conductance, infrared spectra, electronic absorption and ESR spectroscopy. Analytical data suggested 1:2 (metal: ligand) ratio for all the complexes. The FTIR spectra showed that the ligand behaves as a monobasic bidentate ligand with the oxygen-nitrogen donor atoms, oriented towards the central metal ion. Molar conductance values of all the synthesized metal complexes in DMSO indicated their nonelectrolytic nature. The analytical and spectroscopic data suggest a square pyramidal geometry for Mn(III) and VO(IV) complexes and an octahedral geometry for Cr(III), Fe(III) and UO₂(VI) complexes. The observed ESR parameters are in good agreement with the values generally observed for the vanadyl complex with square pyramidal geometry. The thermodynamic analysis of metal complexes shows that the hydrated complexes loses water molecules of hydration in the first step; followed by decomposition of ligand moiety in the further steps. The antibacterial activity results show that the metal complexes are efficient antibacterial agents as compared to the Schiff base.

Keywords: Isonicotinoyl hydrazide, Schiff base, Electronic Spectra, ESR, Thermal analysis, Antibacterial activity.

Introduction:

Schiff base complexes derived from hydrazone ligands containing strong donor sites such as oxygen and azomethine nitrogen atom have been the subject of particular investigation, not only due to variety of ways in which they can bonded to metal ions but also due to their spectroscopic properties and applications. Azomethine linkage plays an imperative role for a broad range of biological activities displayed by Schiff base [1-2] as they showed antimicrobial, anti-convulsant, antitubercular, anticancer, antioxidant, antidepressant, anthelmintic and analgesic activities [3]. The participation of nitrogen atom in Schiff base complexes often resulted in significant coordination behavior towards metal ions [4]. It is evident that the biological activity of a Schiff base is deviated on its coordination with suitable metal ions [5-7]. The compound 4-acetamidophenol (Paracetamol) is used as an effective medication for pain relief and for treating fever as it has analgesic as well as

antipyretic effects. As a part of research, a concerned search for the discovery and development of newer pharmacological active paracetamol derivatives suggests need to the synthesis of newer paracetamol derivatives [8]. The reported derivatives of starting compound 4-Acetamidophenol (paracetamol) possess promising antibacterial, antifungal and antitubercular activity [9], one of its derivative 3-acetyl-4-hydroxyphenylacetamide was found to be functional starting material for the synthesis of a wide variety of Schiff base ligands. However, no work has been reported on Cr(III), Mn(III), Fe(III), VO(IV) and UO₂(VI) metal complexes of the Schiff base compound derived from Isonicotinic acid hydrazide and 3-acetyl-4-hydroxyphenyl acetamide. Promoted by these facts, the transition metal complexes with newly synthesized ligand are discussed in this paper. The antibacterial activities of the synthesized complexes are reported using the disc diffusion method.



Scheme-1: Synthesis of the Schiff base ligand. (LH)

Synthesis of the Schiff base(LH):

N-(3-acetyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide was prepared by the method reported earlier [8]. The mixture of isonicotinoyl hydrazide (0.01mole, 1.37g) with N-(3-acetyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide (0.01mol, 1.93g) (1:1 ratio) in absolute ethanol was heated under reflux for 2 h as shown in scheme 1. The reaction mixture then allowed for cooling to room temperature for half an hour. A yellow precipitate of (E)-N-(4-hydroxy-3-(1-(2-isonicotinoylhydrazono)ethyl)phenyl)acetamide (LH) was formed, which was filtered, washed with cold distilled water, and dried under vacuum (yield 72%).

Synthesis of metal complexes:

All the complexes were prepared by mixing equimolar quantities (0.002 mol) of LH with respective metal salts in ethanolic medium. The chloride salts of Cr(III) and Fe(III) while acetate salts of Mn(III) and UO₂(VI) were used while the synthesis of the complexes. The VO(VI) complex was synthesized by the reaction of vanadyl acetylacetonate with ligand. Solid complexes were

formed after heating under reflux for 4-6 h, directly with Cr(III), Mn(III), Fe(III), VO(IV) or UO₂(VI). The product obtained on cooling was filtered, washed thoroughly with ethanol and finally with petroleum ether, dried in vacuum over CaCl₂ (Yield 57-62%).

Results And Discussion:

Scheme 1 shows the condensation of isonicotinic acid hydrazide with N-(3-acetyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide (1:1) in ethanol yields the Schiff base (LH). All the complexes derived from LH are colored and non-hygroscopic solids and are stable in air. They are insoluble in water and common organic solvents but soluble in coordinating solvents like DMF and DMSO. The molar conductance values of the complexes in DMF (10⁻³M) are very low (2.1-17.5 Ω⁻¹ cm²mol⁻¹) indicating their non-electrolytic nature. The analytical and physical data of the ligand and its complexes are summarized in Table 1. From the analytical data, the stoichiometry of the metal complexes was found to be 1:2 (ligand:metal).

Table 1. The analytical and physical data of the compounds

Compound	Color	Molar cond. (Ω ⁻¹ cm ² mol ⁻¹)	Yield (%)	%Found (calcd.)				Formula Weight
				C %	N %	H %	M %	
LH	Light Yellow	-	72	61.48 (61.53)	17.96 (17.94)	5.21 (5.16)	-	312
[Cr(L) ₂ Cl.H ₂ O]	Black	9.4	62	52.86 (52.79)	15.34 (15.39)	4.39 (4.43)	7.20 (7.14)	728
[Mn(L) ₂ (OAc)]	Light Brown	6.40	57	55.37 (55.44)	15.18 (15.21)	4.56 (4.52)	7.51 (7.46)	737
[Fe(L) ₂ Cl.H ₂ O].2H ₂ O	Reddish Brown	17.5	60	50.01 (50.05)	14.63 (14.59)	4.70 (4.72)	7.29 (7.27)	768
[VO(L) ₂]	Dark Brown	12.4	61	55.80 (55.74)	16.23 (16.25)	4.41 (4.39)	7.43 (7.39)	690
[UO ₂ (L) ₂]	Yellow	2.1	58	43.01 (43.06)	12.49 (12.55)	3.33 (3.39)	26.55 (26.67)	893

¹H NMR spectrum of ligand

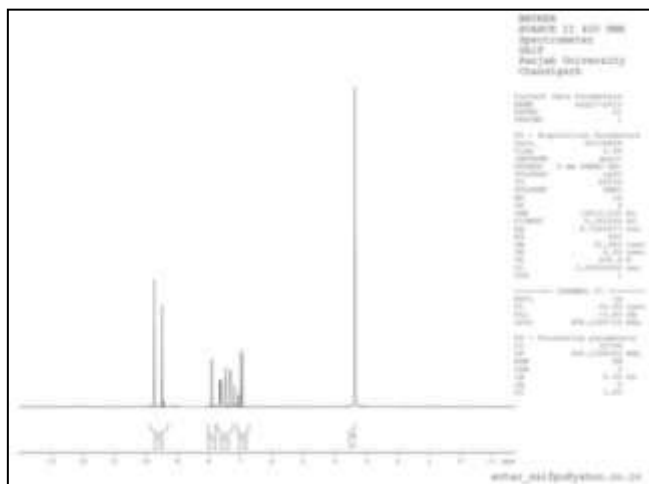


Fig-1: ^1H NMR spectrum of LH Ligand.

The ^1H NMR spectrum of ligand shows signals at 9.73 ppm corresponding to proton of phenolic OH. The signals observed at 9.51 ppm and 3.36 ppm may be due to the NH, and (6H) methyl protons respectively. The aromatic protons showed signals in the range 6.93-7.87 ppm as shown in Figure 1.

IR spectra:

To study the binding modes of ligand toward metal ion, IR spectral data of the ligand was compared with those of respective metal complexes (Table 2). The IR spectrum of the free ligand shows a band at 2981 cm^{-1} due to intramolecular hydrogen bonded hydroxyl group. Absence of this band in the spectra of all metal complexes evidences subsequent deprotonation of the phenolic group and coordination of phenolic Oxygen to the metal ion [10-11]. The band at 1274 cm^{-1} due to $\nu(\text{C-O phenolic})$ band shifted to upward frequency by $30\text{--}41\text{ cm}^{-1}$, confirms the coordination of ligand through phenolic Oxygen [12-14]. The $\nu(\text{C=N})$ band of the ligand at 1622 cm^{-1} is found to be shifted to lower energies by $5\text{--}24\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the spectra of all the complexes, indicating the coordination via azomethine Nitrogen [15]. This coordination is

further supported by the shift of $\nu(\text{N-N})$ vibration observed at 974 cm^{-1} in the ligand shifted to a higher frequency by $34\text{--}57\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the complexes [16]. In the IR spectra of Cr(III) and Fe(III) complexes, a considerable band observed at 3418 and 3451 cm^{-1} may be attributed to the vibration of water molecules coordinated to the metal ions. [17]. The $\nu(\text{N-H})$ and $\nu(\text{C=O})$ bands of the ligand at 3169 and 1656 cm^{-1} respectively, remain almost unaffected after complexation in all the complexes, suggest that ligand exist in keto form in free state as well as in all the complexes [18-19]. The spectra of VO(IV) and $\text{UO}_2(\text{VI})$ complexes show new bands at around 963 and 912 cm^{-1} , respectively due to $\nu(\text{V=O})$ and $\nu(\text{O=U=O})$ vibration [12,20]. The far IR spectra of the complexes shows new bands in the region $503\text{--}451\text{ cm}^{-1}$, corresponding to $\nu(\text{M-N})$ vibrations, which indicates complexation of the azomethine Nitrogen. Also in addition to the above bands all complexes display the bands in the region at $584\text{--}493$ assigned to $\nu(\text{M-O})$ vibrations [21]. The Schiff base in the present work behaves as a monobasic bidentate ligand, coordinating through azomethine Nitrogen and the deprotonated Oxygen atoms.

Table 1. Infrared frequencies (cm^{-1}) of the ligand LH and its metal complexes:

Compound	H bonded-OH stretching	$\nu(\text{N-H})$	Coordinated water $\nu(\text{OH})$	$\nu(\text{C=N})$	$\nu(\text{C-O phenolic})$	$\nu(\text{N-N})$	$\nu(\text{M-O})$	$\nu(\text{M-N})$
LH	2981	3169	-	1622	1274	974	-	-
$[\text{Cr}(\text{L})_2\text{Cl} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]$	-	3158	3418	1598	1304	1008	524	466
$[\text{Mn}(\text{L})_2(\text{OAc})]$	-	3173	-	1617	1305	1029	501	451
$[\text{Fe}(\text{L})_2\text{Cl} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-	3157	3451	1602	1303	1031	493	456
$[\text{VO}(\text{L})_2]$	-	3164	-	1614	1315	1013	516	468
$[\text{UO}_2(\text{L})_2]$	-	3157	-	1600	1307	1028	584	503

Electronic absorption spectra and magnetic moments:

The electronic absorption spectral data and magnetic moments of the metal complexes are listed in table-3. The reflectance spectrum of Cr(III)

complex exhibit bands at 603 , 490 and 297 nm which may be due to the $^4\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^4\text{T}_{2g}(\text{F})$, $^4\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F})$ and $^4\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$ transitions respectively, suggesting octahedral geometry around the Cr(III) ion [22]. The magnetic moment was

found to be 3.78 B.M., which is also in agreement with the known values for Cr(III) complex in octahedral geometry [23]. The electronic spectra of Mn(III) complex exhibits three d-d bands at 715, 590, 495 and 333nm due to ${}^5B_1 \rightarrow {}^5B_2$, ${}^5B_1 \rightarrow {}^5A_2$, ${}^5B_1 \rightarrow {}^5E$ and LMCT transitions respectively. The magnetic moment of Mn(III) complex was found to be 4.84 B.M. suggested pyramidal geometry around the Mn ion [24,25]. Electronic spectra of Fe(III) complex exhibits three absorption bands at 781, 566 and 450 nm which may be assigned to ${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g}$, ${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}$ and ${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4E_g$ transitions respectively, suggesting an octahedral geometry around the Fe(III) ion [26]. The magnetic moment at 5.70 B.M. shows confirms involvement of d^2sp^3 hybridization in the Fe(III) complex [27]. For VO(IV) complex

band appears at 710, 598 m, 485 and 383 nm for transition ${}^2B_2 \rightarrow {}^2E$, ${}^2B_2 \rightarrow {}^2B_1$, ${}^2B_2 \rightarrow {}^2A_1$ and LMCT respectively. All these transitions indicate the square pyramidal geometry for VO(IV) complex. The room temperature magnetic moment of the VO(IV) complex is found to be 1.84 B.M. which is a characteristic value for mononuclear oxovanadium complex [28, 29]. The electronic spectrum of the $UO_2(VI)$ complex shows two additional bands as compared with the spectrum of the free ligand. The first band around 437 nm corresponding to charge transfer from equatorial donor atoms of the ligand to the uranyl ion and the second band observed at 550 nm due to electronic transitions from apical oxygen atom to the f-orbital's of the uranyl atom [30-31].

Table 2. Electronic and magnetic data of LH and its complexes:

Compound	$\nu(\text{nm})$	d-d transition	$\mu_{\text{eff}}(\text{BM})$
LH	320 270	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$ $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$	-
$[\text{Cr}(\text{L})_2\text{Cl} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]$	603 490 297	${}^4A_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}(\text{F})$ ${}^4A_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g}(\text{F})$ ${}^4A_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g}(\text{P})$	3.78
$[\text{Mn}(\text{L})_2(\text{OAc})]$	715 590 495 333	${}^5B_1 \rightarrow {}^5B_2$ ${}^5B_1 \rightarrow {}^5A_2$ ${}^5B_1 \rightarrow {}^5E$ (LMCT)	4.84
$[\text{Fe}(\text{L})_2\text{Cl} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	781 576 457	${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g}$ ${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}(\text{G})$ ${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4E_g(\text{G})$	5.70
$[\text{VO}(\text{L})_2]$	710 598 485 383	${}^2B_2 \rightarrow {}^2E$ ${}^2B_2 \rightarrow {}^2B_1$ ${}^2B_2 \rightarrow {}^2A_1$ LMCT	1.86
$[\text{UO}_2(\text{L})_2]$	437 550	LMCT	Diamagnetic

ESR Spectra:

X-Band ESR spectrum of solid VO(IV) complex was recorded in DMF at 77 K (LNT) as shown in Figure 2. The ESR spectrum of VO(IV) complex shows hyperfine splitting suggesting that a single vanadium is present in the molecule [32-33]. Thus, the compound shows well resolved axial anisotropy with $g_{\parallel} < g_{\perp}$ and $A_{\parallel} > A_{\perp}$ relationship and the values displayed by this square pyramidal complex indicating the presence of unpaired

electron in the d_{xy} orbital. The calculated parameters of A and g are found to be in agreement with the values generally reported for the VO(IV) complex with square pyramidal geometry with C_4V symmetry as the V=O bond is along the z and the other donor atoms are along the x and y axes. The molecular orbital coefficient α^2 and β^2 are calculated using the following equations,

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{(2.0023 - \Delta g)}{-8\beta^2\lambda} \quad \text{Where, } \Delta g = (g_{\perp} - g_{\parallel}) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\beta^2 = \frac{7}{6} \left(-\frac{A_{\parallel}}{P} + \frac{A_{\perp}}{P} + g_{\parallel} - \frac{5}{14}g_{\perp} - \frac{9}{14}g_e \right)$$

The spectral parameters showed that the in-plane σ -bonding is more covalent than the in-plane π -

bonding [12, 34-37]. The ESR spectral data of $[\text{VO}(\text{L})_2]$ complex is presented in table 3.

Table 3. ESR data of VO(IV) Complex:

Complex	Spectral Parameters							
	g_P	g_{\perp}	$ g $	A_P	A_{\perp}	$ A $	α^2	β^2
VO(IV) LNT	1.924	1.964	1.95	161.12	71.20	101.17	1.48	0.92

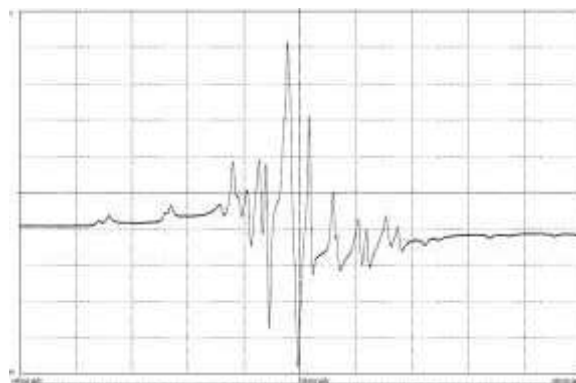


Fig-2: ESR spectra of VO(IV) complex (LNT)

Thermal analysis:

Thermal decomposition of metal complexes is an important study as it provides useful information about the thermal stability of complexes as well as the coordination ability of water whether it is inside the coordination sphere or outside. The half decomposition temperature, Entropy Change (ΔS), Free Energy Change (ΔF) and Frequency Factor (Z) of compounds were calculated by employing Freeman Carroll and Sharp Wentworth method [38, 39]. The thermal curves of ligand and complexes were obtained with heating rate $10^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ are provided in figure 4, while the kinetic parameters are assigned in table 5. The ligand shows two-step decomposition pattern with the lowest half decomposition temperature. The Mn(III), VO(IV) and $\text{UO}_2(\text{VI})$ complexes indicate a two-stage decomposition pattern whereas Cr(III) and Fe(III) complex shows a three-stage decomposition pattern. The Fe(II) complex shows the elimination of two water molecules up to 120°C indicates the presence of non-coordinated water molecules in the complex.

On the other hand, Cr(III) and Fe(III) complexes exhibit loss of one water molecule between 150 – 220°C which indicates the presence of coordinated water molecule in the complexes. [% wt. loss, obs./calcd.] Fe(III):4.62/4.68 for lattice water and Cr(III):2.82/2.49 and Fe(III):2.38/2.34 for coordinated water. In the TG curve Mn(III), VO(IV) and $\text{UO}_2(\text{VI})$ complexes, no weight loss up to 220°C and this rules out the presence of any lattice and coordinate water molecule. Further weight loss was observed above $\sim 250^\circ\text{C}$, which may be due to the thermal degradation of the free part of the ligand moiety along with some other side chain present in the complexes. A gradual weight loss observed above $\sim 440^\circ\text{C}$, due to the degradation of the actual coordination part of the ligand and TG curves attain a horizontal level $\sim 650^\circ\text{C}$ suggesting the formation respective stable metal oxides. From the half decomposition temperature, the relative thermal stability of the compounds is found to be $\text{VO(IV)} > \text{Mn(III)} > \text{Cr(III)} > \text{Fe(III)} > \text{UO}_2(\text{VI}) > \text{LH}$.

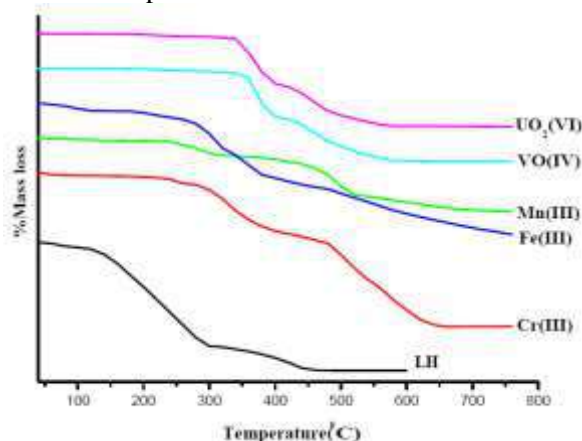


Fig-3: Thermal graph of LH and metal complexes.

Table 5. Thermal analysis data of metal complexes:

Compound	Decomposition Temp ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Ea(kJ/mole)		ΔS (J/mol/K)	ΔF (kJ/mol)	S* (kJ)	n
		FC	SW				
LH	290	14.30	14.81	-305.64	92.62	- 24.38	0.93
[Cr(L) ₂ Cl.H ₂ O]	400	21.92	22.70	-334.22	104.32	- 24.45	0.91
[Mn(L) ₂ (OAc)]	405	19.43	18.32	-335.64	101.72	- 24.94	0.96
[Fe(L) ₂ Cl.H ₂ O].2H ₂ O	390	21.06	20.27	-308.17	93.39	- 24.76	0.95
[VO(L) ₂]	430	21.57	19.53	-298.56	90.48	- 24.84	0.94
[UO ₂ (L) ₂]	360	18.84	18.99	-309.10	93.67	- 24.86	0.98

Antibacterial Activity:

The Schiff base and its complexes were screened for their antibacterial study against *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae*, *S. aureus* and *S. epidermis* by disc diffusion method. The results show that ligand LH and its complexes show bacteriostatic behavior towards all the bacterial strains as presented in **table 6**. On the basis of maximum inhibitory activities shown against strains, Fe(III) complex was found to be most effective against *S. aureus* and *S. pneumoniae* with zone of inhibition 23 mm and 25 mm respectively. The VO(IV) complex also found most effective towards *S. pneumoniae* with zone of

inhibition 24 mm. In general, the results reveal that, the activity of the ligand was found to be enhanced on complexation with metal ions. According to the chelation theory of coordination chemistry, the polarity of central metal atom descends after complexation, which results in ascending lipophilic nature of the central atom and enhanced permeation of the complexes through the lipid layer of the cell membrane [40-41]. It has been observed that the metal complexes show enhanced antibacterial activity as compared to the LH against the same microorganism under identical experimental conditions, this is due to complexation.

Table 4. Antibacterial activity of the ligand LH and its metal complexes:

No.	Compound	<i>E. coli</i> (ATCC 14948)	<i>S. aureus</i> (ATCC 33591)	<i>S. epidermis</i> (MTCC 3086)	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> (MTCC 4030)
1	LH	S ₁₀	S ₁₁	S ₀₉	S ₁₀
2	[Cr(L) ₂ Cl.H ₂ O]	S ₂₁	S ₂₀	S ₁₇	S ₁₈
3	[Mn(L) ₂ (OAc)]	S ₁₆	S ₁₈	S ₁₅	S ₁₉
4	[Fe(L) ₂ Cl.H ₂ O].2H ₂ O	S ₂₂	S ₂₃	S ₁₉	S ₂₅
5	[VO(L) ₂]	S ₂₀	21	18	24
6	[UO ₂ (L) ₂]	S ₁₃	S ₁₆	S ₁₅	S ₁₉

Conclusion:

The Schiff base, (E)-N-(4-hydroxy-3-(1-(2-isonicotinoylhydrazono)ethyl)phenyl)acetamide coordinates to the Cr(III), Mn(III), Fe(III), VO(IV) and UO₂(VI) metal ions (1:2 mole ratio) as a monobasic bidentate ligand using the azomethine N and phenolic O donor atoms. The assignment of a octahedral geometry (6-coordinate) for the Cr(III) and Fe(III) complexes and square pyramidal geometry for the Mn(III) and VO(IV) complexes is substantiated by magnetic, thermal, infrared and electronic spectral measurements. The observed

hyperfine splitting constant (A) and (g) parameters from the ESR spectra of complex confirmed the square pyramidal geometry for the VO(IV) complex. Absence of lattice and coordinated water molecules was confirmed from the thermogram of both VO(IV) and UO₂(VI) complexes. The activation energy calculated by the Freeman-Carroll and Sharp-Wentworth methods are in good agreement with each other. The ligand as well as some metal complexes showed antibacterial activity against selected kind of bacteria. The probable structures of complexes are shown below, **Fig-5**.

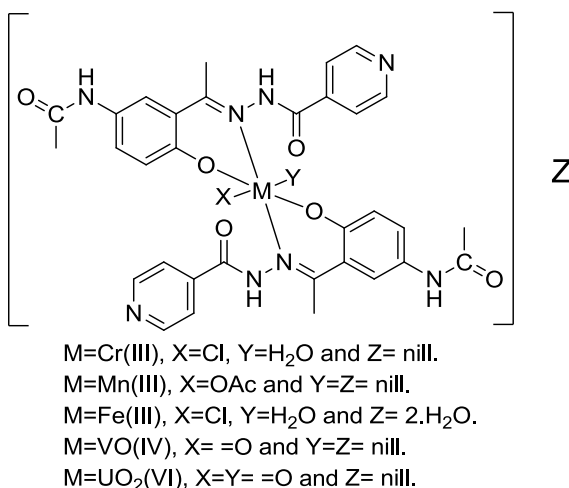


Fig-4: The probable structure for Cr(III), Mn(III), Fe(III), VO(IV) and UO₂(VI) metal complexes.

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ICT And Academic Libraries: A Review Of COVID-19 Pandemic Period

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Abstract:

The novel corona virus (COVID-19) disease presented unique challenges to all the stakeholders of education system. The sudden and unexpected outbreak of the virus forced the library professionals, to ascertain ways of working in a rapid time frame like shifting to digital platform wherever possible and to provide adequate remote services to the users. The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic made a tragic impact on the entire world throughout the economy, education, businesses, health, jobs and so on. In order to survive this disease, and to minimize the losses, most of the businesses and educational institutions switched to the virtual and offered online services with the help of technology. The main aim of any academic library is to enhance and strengthen the teaching, learning and research process by installing seamless document/information delivery system and around the country all libraries of higher education system have been working hard to provide services and access to collections to the users who have been displaced due to COVID-19. While all the libraries under study have provision of remote access to subscribed e resources, many have taken a lot of effort in leveraging and expanding existing online services.

Keywords: Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Academic Libraries, Covid-19, National Digital Library, UGC, SWAYAM, Virtual Services, E-Content, N-List, Shodhganga, e-Shodh shindu, etc.

Introduction:

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced governments worldwide to place their countries in full or partial lockdown to contain the spread of the virus. However, these lockdowns came with severe economic and social consequences, which has also presented unique challenges in the educational sector and has forced not just students but also policy makers and service providers including the librarians to adapt and adopt technology as a viable and valuable option to ensure fulfillment of the educational needs of the stakeholders and in overcoming various hurdles in this pandemic time. India, on 30 January 2020, reported its first positive case of the novel corona virus (COVID-19) from the state of Kerala with a student, who was studying in Wuhan University and had travelled to India. And as a precautionary measure to contain the spread of the virus, Government of India declared closure of all educational institutions across the country from 16 March 2020, which was initially for fifteen days.

However as on 10 October 2020 with 6,979,423 positive cases and 107,450 reported deaths, India is one of the worst hit countries and the educational institutions are still closed. In response to the nationwide lockdown during March and April 2020, the school education sector was quick enough to shift its whole affair to online platform than the higher education sector in India. Perhaps the timing and duration of the initial decision to close educational institutions in India is one of the reasons

behind this. As per the academic calendar in most of the higher education institutions class room teaching was almost over and examinations were about to start. However, considering the rapidly evolving situation of the pandemic, the apex body of the higher education system of India, the University Grants Commission (UGC), decided to cancel all the examinations except the terminal semester/final years and directed to complete it by end of September 2020. But the sudden developments of lockdown and shutdown for almost six months have forced dislocation of many students leaving them with lack of course materials to prepare for the examinations.

Library Services in Academic Libraries during COVID-19:

The COVID-19 pandemic situation challenged the ways academic libraries used to function. The suspension of in-person services and loss of access to physical collections at the institutions' libraries has left the students, faculty and library professionals with consideration of adopting the technology which is the only way out to resilience the challenging time. In fact, library professionals have demonstrated their skills, empathy and flexibility during lockdown to respond to the rapidly evolving situation. And in such circumstances the website is an essential and dynamic platform to connect and serve the targeted users. But technology cannot do this alone. In this unique and urgent situation, the role of library

professionals especially of premier technological institutions is very crucial to make their users aware about the facilities and services provided by them.

The use of information and communication technology in the period of Kovid-19 enabled the educational libraries to provide various types of modern services to the readers.

1) Library website and WhatsApp group:

Through the library's website as well as the WhatsApp group, it was possible to provide library information, various activities, membership registration, reference and catalog services to the readers. For this, the reader does not need to actually be present at the library.

2) Library Management Software and OPAC Facilities:

Libraries have been able to provide their readers with information on library books and dissertations through various management software and mainly through OPAC facilities. This made it possible for the readers at home to get information about the reading material in the library.

3) E-Libraries and Reference Services:

This makes all the reading material in the library available through digitization. A digital library can be created with the help of D-Space, Green Stone etc. Virtual libraries also became available to readers through the Internet. Readers were able to use the library's selective dissemination of information and current awareness services, as well as virtual reference services, ask to librarians, and effective reference services through e-mail.

4) E-books and E-journals:

Amazon, Flip kart, bookganga.com. E-books can be purchased at home through a leading e-book sales website. Through the Internet, free e-journals as well as some e-journal providers have made it possible for readers to access e-services by paying an annual subscription.

5) N-List (Programme for Access to E-Resources):

The project entitled "National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content(N-LIST)", being jointly executed by the UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium, INFLIBNET Centre and the INDEST-AICTE Consortium, IIT Delhi. The N-LIST project operates through its headquarter set-up at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India. Full-text electronic resources contain complete articles along with their bibliographic details. The N-LIST programme subscribes to full-text e-resources from academic societies, commercial publishers and aggregators like American Institute of Physics, American Physical Society, Oxford University Press, Royal Society of Chemistry, Cambridge

University Press, H W Wilson, etc. Selected colleges have use e-resources subscribed for the colleges under e-ShodSindhu. Access to South Asia Archives and World E-Book Library, subscribed by eShodSindhu on behalf of National Digital Library are made available to member colleges of N-LIST Programme through proxy server setup at INFLIBNET Centre.

UGC Initiatives during COVID-19

The UGC has released a list of initiatives using which the academic community can utilize their time as the country is in a lockdown due to the corona virus outbreak. The initiatives include SWAYAM, MOOCs etc. These resources, which are in the form of digital platforms, can be accessed by the teachers, students and researchers in Universities and Colleges for broadening their horizon of learning. This initiative was informed to all faculty members, students and research scholars. Following is the list of some of the initiatives along with their access links:

1) SWAYAM online courses:

<https://storage.googleapis.com/uniquecourses/online.html> provides access to best teaching learning resources which were earlier delivered on the SWAYAM Platform may be now viewed by any learner free of cost without any registration.

2) UG/PG MOOCs:

https://ugcmoocs.inflibnet.ac.in/ugcmoocs/moocs_courses.php hosts learning material of the SWAYAM UG and PG (Non-Technology) archived courses.

3) e-PG Pathshala:

<http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/> hosts high quality, curriculum-based, interactive e-content containing 23,000 modules (e-text and video) in 70 Post Graduate disciplines of social sciences, arts, fine arts and humanities, natural & mathematical sciences.

4) E-Content courseware in UG subjects:

E-content in 87 Undergraduate courses with about 24,110 e-content modules is available on the CEC website at <http://cec.nic.in/>

5) Swayamprabha:

<https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in/> is a group of 32 DTH channels providing high quality educational curriculum-based course contents covering diverse disciplines such as arts, science, commerce, performing arts, social sciences and humanities subjects, engineering, technology, law, medicine, agriculture etc. to all teachers, students and citizens across the country interested in lifelong learning.

6) CEC-UGC Youtube Channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/cecedusat> provides access to unlimited educational curriculum-based lectures absolutely free.

7) National Digital Library:

NDLI is a digital repository of a vast amount of academic content in different formats and provides interface support for leading Indian languages for all academic levels, including researchers and lifelong learners, all disciplines, all popular form of access devices and differently-abled learners. Students of Science, Engineering and Social Science streams can get benefited by visiting <https://www.ndl.gov.in/> or <https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/> and clicking “Corona Outbreak: Study from home” button on top to access, free of cost, Video lectures, Web courses Notes, Questions, Solutions, etc., on various subject areas they are studying, from authoritative sources to continue their study effectively during this difficult situation arising out of suspension of classes and closure of libraries due to COVID-19 Lockdown.

8) Shodhganga:

<https://shodhganaa.inflibnet.ac.in> is a digital repository platform of 2,60,000 Indian Electronic Theses and Dissertations for research students to deposit their Ph.D. theses and make it available to the entire scholarly community in open access.

9) e-Shodh Sindhu:

<https://ess.inflibnet.ac.in/> provides current as well as archival access to more than 15,000 cores and peer-reviewed journals and a number of bibliographic, citation and factual databases in different Page 6 disciplines from a large number of publishers and aggregators to its member institutions, including centrally-funded technical institutions, universities and colleges that are covered under I2 (B) and 2 (f) Sections of the UGC Act.

Conclusion:

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated sudden and radical changes in delivery of library services, as strict social distancing and lockdown measures were imposed in the early phases of the pandemic. The Internet and web technologies have created a new and unparallel environment and enabling the libraries to enhance and strengthen the research, teaching and learning even in this difficult and uncertain time. The concept and practice of providing remote access of e resources by libraries is not new, but the user-friendly way adopted by many libraries and the number of resources made available by them during the pandemic is exemplary. Considerable planning by the library professionals will be required even after the open of educational campuses. It will be imperative to re-assess every existing service and re-design it in view of the government protocols to deal with the situation. Following strict social distancing measures visit to library could be restricted when

institutes re-open. Users may demand for additional digital resources if the situation does not improve much for a longer period of time.

The points discussed in this paper are aimed in providing evidence which can be the basis for sound decision making while selecting any new features or refining the existing features in the services to be planned even after post COVID- 19 which will at least reduce the gap that students are likely to experience if restriction to visit the physical facilities of the libraries will continue even after re-opening of the institutions. While many academic libraries in India are still struggling to build a strong e-platform to render their services, adoption of tech-led holistic approach is the only way out which can help tide over the challenge and keep the libraries functioning without a halt. Libraries have acted smart even this time and evolved as a continuous learning factory. It can be said from this study that libraries are emerging as new genre of knowledge hubs capable of playing a vital role in supporting our nation to settle into a new normal situation.

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“To Self Role Preception of Technical Teacher Communicators at Defferent Levels of Technical Education With Reference To Their Job Satisfaction”

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Abstract:

In almost a decade of opening up of opening up of the education sector, number of private self financing engineering & Polytechnic colleges and universities in India has started functioning.

Today, there is a scarcity of the highly qualified, good oriented faculties and other administrative staff in the professional/technical education. Few reason attributed to this scarcity are the availability of more opportunities for the good and experienced faculties, non-availability of the serious candidates who desire to make their career in education sector and reluctance of the management to give full garden and other faciliating to the faculties and other administrative staff members of their college. This is resulting in another problem in these professional/technical colleges and that is of high rate of turnover of employees.

Various studies have indicated that apart from number of difficulties the young faculty members need to undergo the training regarding soft skills, how to teach the students. The happier people are within their job, the more satisfied they are said to be. The paper is an attempt to explain what is the exact need of training to these newly appointed technical teachers.

Need of Proposed Research Work:

According to the National policy of education 1986, all systems in education has been changed and reviewed by Central Government. To enhance more facilities towards technical education regarding its curriculum, to impart pre-service and in-service training to the technical teachers also to import new knowledge about evaluation, educational technology, syllabus development if curriculum development, evaluation, educational planning, management and administration and all other allied activities, with the special act of parliament All India Council of Technical Education, New Delhi is the unique apex body like university grants commission. This body gives guidance regarding objectives of technical education. As we are observing no. of such activities to cover AICIE, all over the country a special attention on self role Perception of Teacher Communicators is required to be given.

The area of research on teacher communicators at different level of technical education is very vast subject.

Taylor (1993) notes that there is difficulty of determining why there is so little interest in the study of teacher communicators.

Adler S.A.(1993) notes that teacher Communicators may explore all the various phenomenon associated with their work, but they rarely look at themselves, their experiences and their

work, but they rarely look at themselves, their experiences and their awareness of those experiences as subject for Research, Mehrotra (1993) support this, when he says that most of research in education has been undertaken or guided by teacher communicators. Particularly in case of the technical teachers that habit we have to study and to take into account.

This Study is therefore being undertaken to study of the self role of teacher communicators at various level of technical education.

The Role of Teacher Communicators:

The role of teacher communicators is more complex than that of any other communicator. Technical teacher communicators perceive their role both as teacher and as teacher- trainer. The teacher communicator is expected to fulfill the following roles of:

1. Manager
2. Facilitator
3. Researcher
4. Extension-worker
5. Counselor
6. Educator

Operational Definations:

1. Self Role Perception:

Self role perception has been defined as the area in which teacher communicators view their behavior arising from their positions as

collected by 'Rating Scale' to measure teacher communicators perception of their own role (as behavior) and include the following rollers which are defined by the researcher as:

A. Manager : A person with the ability to make optimum use of available resources.

B. Facilitator of learning: A agent causing student teacher to acquire learning.

C. Researcher : A participant in activities os social significance.

D. Educator: A persor who trains one's students to fulfill the role of teachers.

2. Technical teacher communicator:

Technical teacher communicators are the technical teachers instructing at institutes of tech. education at different levels i.e. Diploma, B.E. and M.E. teachers.

3. Different Levels of technical education :

This refers to the teacher training programme in education for

i) Diploma ii) Degree i.e. (B.E) iii) M.E.

Objectives of proposed work:

1) To measure technical teacher communicator's (Diploma, Degree and M.E. level) self-perception of their role as manager.

2) To measure teacher communicator's. (Diploma, Degree and M.E. level) self perception of their role as facilitator.

3) To measure teacher communicator's (Diploma, Degree and M.E. level) self perception of their role as counsellor.

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6) To measure teacher communicator's (Diploma, Degree and M.E. level) self perception of their role as counsellor.

7) To measure job satisfaction teacher communicator's at different levels to technical education. (Diploma, Degree and M.E. level)

8) To find out the relationship between role perception and job satisfaction of teacher communicator's at different levels of technical education (Diploma, Degree and M.E. level)

9) To compare the self role perception and job satisfaction of Diploma, Degree and M.E. level teacher communicators.

Impact of Proposed Work:

The study of self Role Perception of technical teacher communicators identifies the various role that teacher communicators paly and it seeks to find out teacher communicators perception of themselves as playing these role. The results of

this study will reveal an exhaustive representation of the community of technical teacher communicators. No Such work has been undertaken by any researcher earlier in the geographical area Shivaji University, Kolhapur area.

By solving this problem it will revealed the following impacts:

1) Social relations, prestige and autonomy were positively associated with job satisfaction.

2) Diploma side teachers were found to have high job satisfaction and professional honesty.

3) Female technical teachers as compared to male teachers, unmarried teachers as compared to married teacher's, urban teachers as compared to rural teachers and non-agricultural family occupational background of tech-teachers were significantly high in job satisfaction and professional honesty.

4) Job satisfaction and occupational levels of the technical teachers were positively related.

5) Job satisfaction could be predicted by attitude and occupational adjustment but not by other variables.

6) Degree level technical teachers and P.G. teachers i.e. (Diploma, Degree and M.E. level) were almost equally satisfied with their job.

Section B

Proposed Plan of Work

01. Nature of Work:

a) There are thirteen degree level engg. Colleges and sixteen polytechnics comes under jurisdiction of Shivaji University, Kolhapur area situated in four districts of Maharashtra State i.e. Satara, Sangli, Solapur and Kolhapur. So thus total population of technical teacher communicators will be drawn from all Diploma, Degree and M.E. level colleges under Shivaji university, area.

As this is a descriptive type of research the survey method will be used to collect the data

b) Teaching :

In the proposed institutions selected the applicant has to gibe correct information to fill the data which will be finalize with research guide, so he has to give few lectures in the selected institutes.

c) Research:

Research investigation being a descriptive type of research the survey method will be used to collect the data.

d) Development, design and fabrication:

The nature of the research plan will be of survey and data collection from the different institutes.

02. Details of proposed plan of work

a) Activity plan

Sampling: Total population of technical teacher

communication will be drawn from all Diploma, Degree and P. G. i.e. M.E. level colleges from Shivaji University, Kolhapur area.

Tools used for the study:

The following two tools will be used to collect the data :

1. Rating scale to measure the self role perception of the technical teacher communicator's – Warriar L.S.
2. Shetty's job satisfaction scale to measure job satisfaction of technical teacher communicators

Procedure: The rating scale and Shetty's Job satisfaction scale will be provided to all the technical teacher communicator

Analysis of Data:

The Following Statistical measures will be used to analyse the data

1. Descriptive statistics – Mean, S.D., Skewness.
2. T-test.

Limitations of the Study

1. The entire population of technical teacher communicators of Diploma, Degree and M.E. institutes from Shivaji University only will from the data producing population.
2. Warriar L.S.'s Rating scale to measure self role perception of teacher communicators and Shetty's job satisfaction scale to measure job satisfaction are the only two tools that will be used in this study.

Chapter Schemes:

1. Introduction.
2. Review of related literature
3. Plan and procedure
4. Analysis and interpretation of data
5. Summary, conclusions, educational implications and recommendations for further research.

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Abstract:

This study provides an analysis of the irrigation infrastructure in Panna district, focusing on canals, tube wells, wells, and ponds across its development blocks. Key findings include- Canals: Panna leads in canal infrastructure with 21 canals irrigating 1,853 hectares, while Gunnaur, with fewer canals, efficiently irrigates 3,009 hectares. The district's total of 75 canals plays a crucial role in agricultural productivity. Tube Wells: The district has 8,384 tube wells, with Gunnaur's 4,730 wells irrigating 12,035 hectares, highlighting a significant dependence on groundwater for agriculture. Wells: With 11,213 wells irrigating 16,886 hectares, the district shows a strong reliance on wells, particularly in Gunnaur and ShahNagar, for efficient water distribution. Ponds: The district's 243 ponds irrigate 8,443 hectares, with Gunnaur leading in both pond count and irrigated area, demonstrating the diverse water management strategies across the district.

Keywords- Ponds, Wells, Tube wells, Canals.

Introduction:

This report delves into the intricate landscape of irrigation systems in the Panna District, offering a comprehensive analysis of the varied irrigation methods employed across its different development blocks. Spanning canals, tube wells, wells, and ponds, this study paints a detailed picture of how each of these components contributes to the agricultural vitality of the region. By examining the distribution and efficiency of these irrigation sources, we gain valuable insights into the district's agricultural practices, water resource management, and the pivotal role these systems play in sustaining the local economy and farming communities. The analysis is segmented into four key areas, each reflecting a different aspect of the irrigation infrastructure-Canals and the Irrigated Area: This section focuses on the distribution and impact of canal-based irrigation across various development blocks, highlighting variations in canal numbers and the extents of areas they efficiently irrigate. Tube Wells and the Irrigated Area: An exploration of the tube well network within the district, this part of the report reveals the extensive use of groundwater resources and the varying degrees of reliance on tube wells across different blocks. Wells and the Irrigated Area: This segment examines the prevalence of wells in the district, their distribution, and the corresponding areas they irrigate, providing insights into groundwater usage and well distribution strategies. Ponds and the Irrigated Area: The final section analyzes the role of ponds in

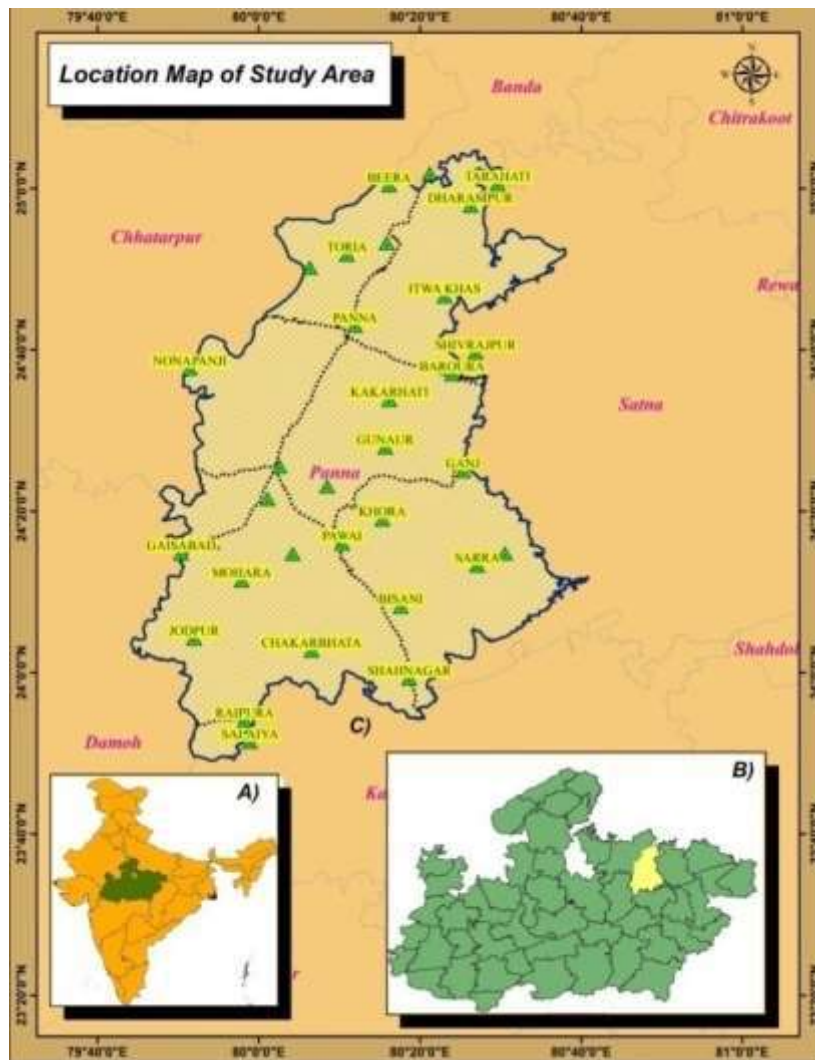
irrigation, detailing their numbers in each development block and the extent of the areas they support. Through this report, we aim to offer a clear and detailed understanding of how different irrigation methods are employed in the Panna District, reflecting the adaptability and diversity of water resource management in the region.

Status and Extent of the Study Area:

Panna district is situated in the northern-central part of Madhya Pradesh. To its north lies Banda district of Uttar Pradesh, to the east is Satna district of Madhya Pradesh, to the northwest is Chhatarpur, to the southwest is Damoh, and to the south is Katni. Panna district spans from approximately 23° 45' to 25° 20' north latitude and 79° 45' to 80° 40' east longitude.

Panna district is entirely dependent on road transport. It is well-connected through state highways, with the nearest railway station being Satna, connected to Bhopal, Jabalpur, and Delhi, located about 70 km away from Panna city. The nearest airport for air travel is Khajuraho, situated 46 km away from Panna on the route to Chhatarpur. Known for its diamond mines, stylish and grand temples, magnificent seasonal waterfalls, and the Panna National Park, the district is renowned for its natural and cultural attractions. The total geographical area of the district is 7,135 square kilometers, with a population of 1,016,028 (Census 2011).

Map No. 1 Location Map of Panna Districts



Methodology: This study employed a comprehensive methodology to analyze the irrigation infrastructure in the Panna district, focusing on canals, tube wells, wells, and ponds. The key steps involved in the research process are outlined below:

Data Collection:

- Acquired data from the "Kisan Kalyan Tatha Krishi Vikas Vibhag, Panna (M.P.)" for the year 2022.
- Gathered information on the number of canals, tube wells, wells, ponds, and the corresponding irrigated areas across different development blocks in the Panna district.

Categorization and Organization:

- Systematically organized the data into categories, segregating information for each development block (Panna, Gunnaur, Pawai, ShahNagar, Ajaygarh).
- Created distinct datasets for canals, tube wells, wells, and ponds, ensuring clarity in analysis.

Descriptive Analysis:

- Conducted a detailed descriptive analysis for each category, presenting the number of infrastructure units, the extent of irrigated areas,

and potential implications for agricultural practices.

Objectives: The primary objectives of this study are as follows:

Evaluate Canal Infrastructure:

- Assess the number of canals in each development block.
- Examine the irrigated areas covered by canals in different blocks.
- Understand the role of canals in supporting agricultural activities.

Analyze Tube Well Distribution:

- Investigate the distribution of tube wells across development blocks.
- Evaluate the irrigated areas facilitated by tube wells in each block.
- Highlight the significance of tube wells in groundwater-based irrigation.

Assess Well Infrastructure:

- Examine the number of wells in each development block.
- Analyze the corresponding irrigated areas covered by wells.
- Understand the importance of wells in sustaining agricultural livelihoods.

Explore Pond Distribution and Impact:

- Investigate the distribution of ponds across development blocks.
- Assess the irrigated areas covered by ponds in different blocks.
- Highlight the role of ponds in supporting local irrigation practices.

Provide General Observations:

- Present general observations regarding the efficiency and impact of irrigation infrastructure in the Panna district.
- Identify patterns and trends across different types of irrigation facilities.

The combination of thorough data collection, categorization, descriptive analysis, and objective assessment ensures a comprehensive understanding of the irrigation landscape in the Panna district, contributing valuable insights for local agricultural development and water resource management.

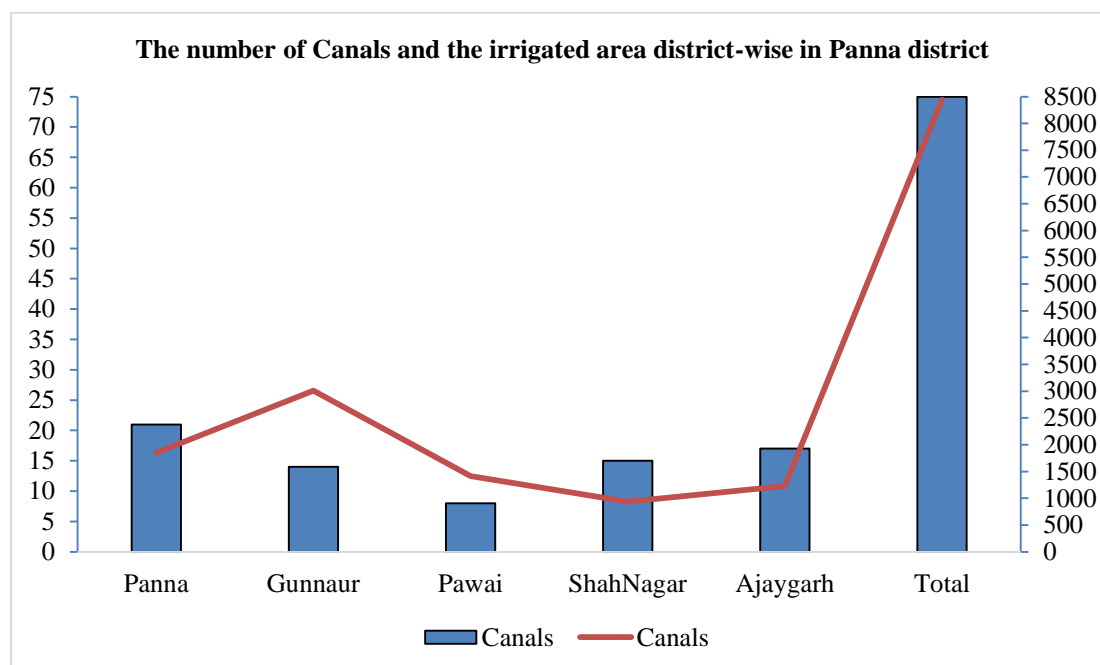
Canals and the irrigated area: The data provided offers a detailed overview of the irrigation infrastructure, specifically canals, in the Panna district, broken down by each development block. This information not only illustrates the number of canals in each block but also the extent of the area they irrigate, measured in hectares. Panna Development Block: This block features the highest number of canals among all the blocks listed, with a total of 21. These canals effectively irrigate a

substantial area, amounting to 1,853 hectares. This indicates a significant investment in irrigation infrastructure in the Panna block, underscoring its importance in the district's agricultural activities. Gunnaur Development Block: Gunnaur, with 14 canals, shows a remarkable efficiency in its irrigation system. Despite having fewer canals compared to Panna, the area it irrigates is the largest among the blocks, covering 3,009 hectares. This could suggest a more extensive network of canals or more effective water management practices in the Gunnaur area. Pawai Development Block: Pawai has 8 canals, which irrigate 1,417 hectares. This block demonstrates a moderate level of irrigation infrastructure, which plays a crucial role in supporting the agricultural sector in this region. ShahNagar Development Block: With 15 canals, ShahNagar irrigates an area of 934 hectares. The number of canals is relatively high, yet the irrigated area is the smallest among the blocks. This could indicate smaller or less efficient canals, or it could be a reflection of the geographical and topographical challenges specific to ShahNagar. Ajaygarh Development Block: Ajaygarh has 17 canals that support the irrigation of 1,230 hectares. This block maintains a balance between the number of canals and the area they irrigate, suggesting effective use of its irrigation resources.

Table No. 1 The number of Canals and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna district

The number of Canals and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna district		
Development Block	Canals	
	Number	Area (Hectares)
Panna	21	1853
Gunnaur	14	3009
Pawai	8	1417
ShahNagar	15	934
Ajaygarh	17	1230
Total	75	8443

Source - Department of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development, Panna (M.P.) (2022)
Graph No. 1 The number of Canals and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna district



Tube wells and the irrigated area:

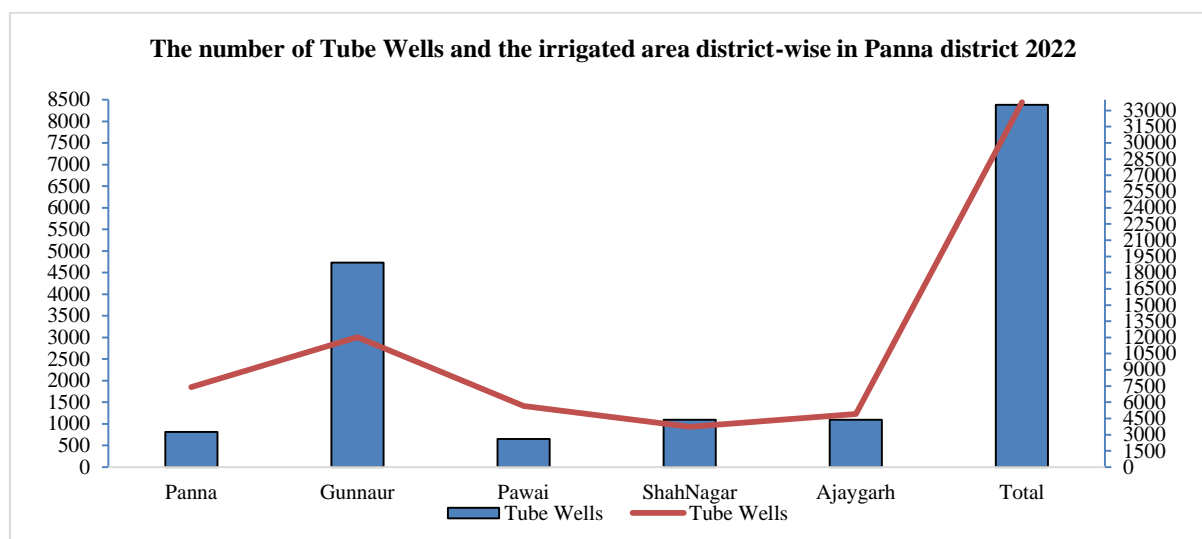
The provided data outlines the distribution of tube wells and the corresponding irrigated areas in the Panna district for the year 2022 across different development blocks. Let's delve into a descriptive interpretation of this information: Panna Development Block: This block is equipped with 818 tube wells, contributing to the irrigation of a substantial area of 7,413 hectares. The prevalence of tube wells suggests a reliance on groundwater resources for agricultural needs in this block. Gunnaur stands out with a significantly higher number of tube wells, totalling 4,730. This extensive infrastructure facilitates the irrigation of a vast area, reaching 12,035 hectares. The abundance of tube wells might indicate a robust groundwater extraction

system in Gunnaur. Pawai features 649 tube wells, supporting the irrigation of 5,665 hectares. While the number of tube wells is lower compared to Gunnaur, the irrigated area remains substantial, showcasing efficient water usage. ShahNagar Development Block: with 1,094 tube wells, covers an irrigated area of 3,732 hectares. This block exhibits a balance between the number of tube wells and the irrigated land, suggesting a strategic deployment of groundwater resources. Ajaygarh Development Block is equipped with 1,093 tube wells, contributing to the irrigation of 4,921 hectares. Similar to ShahNagar, Ajaygarh maintains a proportional relationship between the number of tube wells and the irrigated area.

Table No. 2 The number of Tube Wells and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna district

The number of Tube Wells and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna district 2022		
Development Block	Tube Wells	
	Number	Area (Hectares)
Panna	818	7413
Gunnaur	4730	12035
Pawai	649	5665
ShahNagar	1094	3732
Ajaygarh	1093	4921
Total	8384	33766

Source - Department of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development, Panna (M.P.) (2022)
Graph No. 2 The number of Tube Wells and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna district



Wells and the irrigated area

The provided data presents information on the number of wells and the corresponding irrigated areas in the Panna district for the year 2022 across different development blocks. Let's provide a descriptive interpretation of this data: Panna has a substantial number of wells, totaling 2,166, and these wells contribute to the irrigation of 3,707 hectares. The prevalence of wells in this block suggests a reliance on groundwater resources for agricultural needs. Gunnaur features 1,046 wells, contributing to the irrigation of 6,019 hectares. Despite having fewer wells compared to Panna, the irrigated area is larger, indicating efficient water

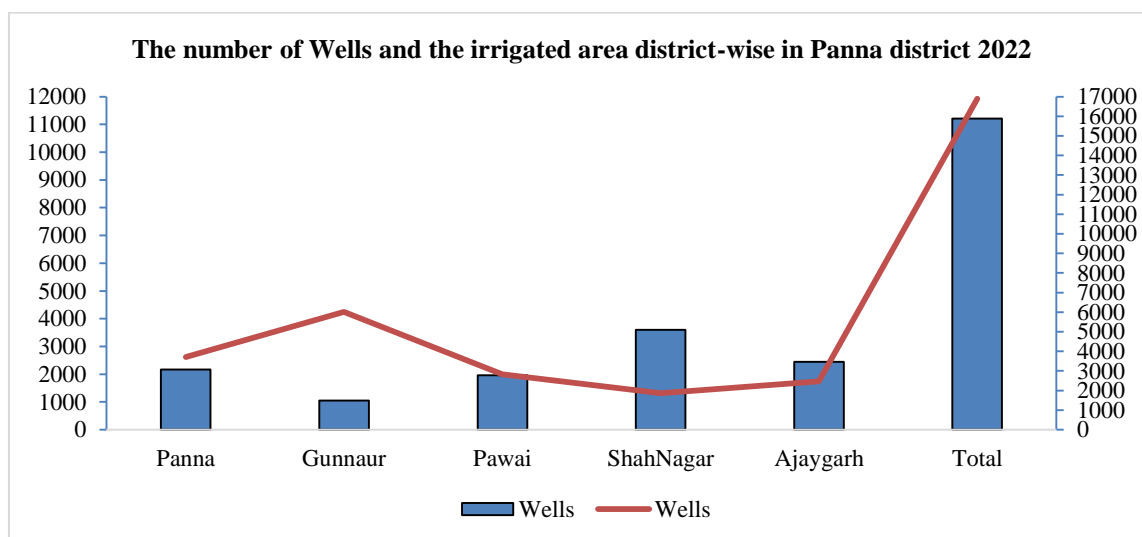
usage or potentially deeper wells. Pawai has 1,960 wells, supporting the irrigation of 2,833 hectares. The relatively high number of wells in Pawai showcases the significance of groundwater resources in sustaining agricultural activities. ShahNagar stands out with 3,600 wells, covering an irrigated area of 1,866 hectares. This block exhibits a substantial number of wells, potentially indicating a distributed and comprehensive well network. Ajaygarh is equipped with 2,441 wells, contributing to the irrigation of 2,461 hectares. The number of wells in Ajaygarh, along with the corresponding irrigated area, suggests a balanced and effective use of groundwater resources.

Table No. 3 The number of Wells and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna district

The number of Wells and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna district 2022		
Development Block	Wells	
	Number	Area (Hectares)
Panna	2166	3707
Gunnaur	1046	6019
Pawai	1960	2833
ShahNagar	3600	1866
Ajaygarh	2441	2461
Total	11213	16886

Source - Department of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development, Panna (M.P.) (2022)

Graph No. 3 The number of Wells and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna district



Ponds and the irrigated area

The data provided offers insight into the distribution and impact of ponds in the Panna District for the year 2022, detailed across various development blocks. It includes the number of ponds in each block and the corresponding area they irrigate, measured in hectares. Here's a descriptive analysis: In Panna, there are 54 ponds, which collectively irrigate an area of 1,853 hectares. This suggests that the ponds in this block play a significant role in local irrigation, covering a considerable area of agricultural land. Gunnaur has a higher number of ponds, totaling 69. These ponds are responsible for irrigating a substantial area of 3,009 hectares, indicating their crucial role in the

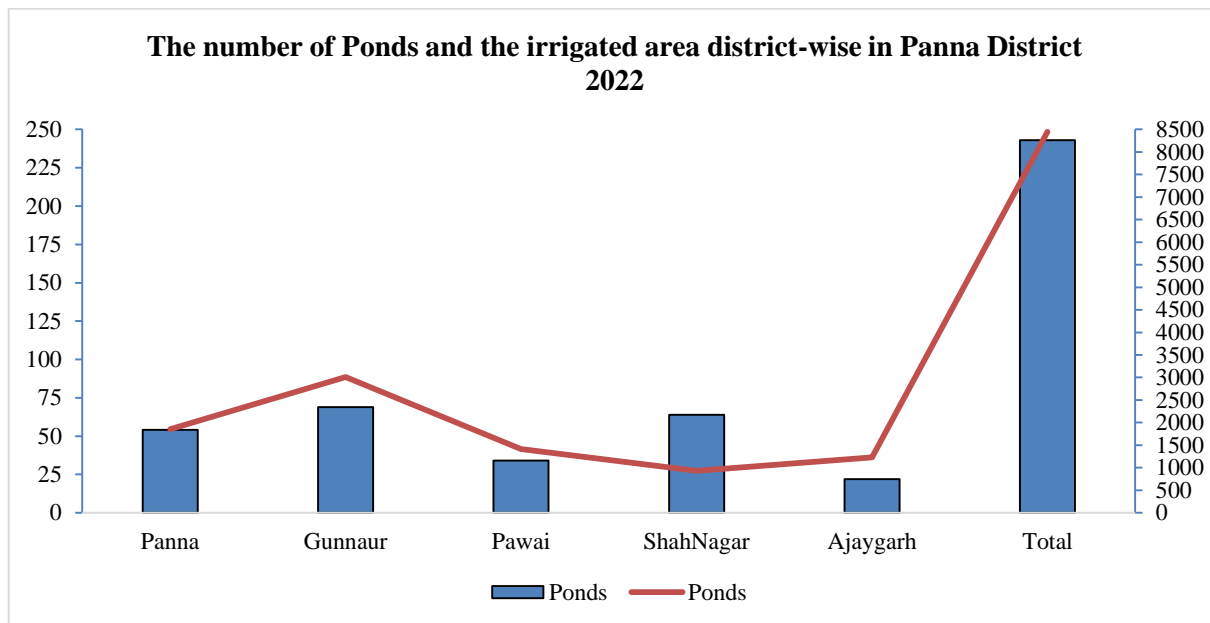
block's agricultural irrigation system. Pawai features 34 ponds, contributing to the irrigation of 1,417 hectares. This number shows a moderate reliance on pond-based irrigation within this block, supporting a significant portion of its agricultural land. ShahNagar has 64 ponds, which irrigate an area of 934 hectares. The higher number of ponds in comparison to the irrigated area suggests either smaller ponds or less intensive agricultural use of pond water in this block. Ajaygarh has 22 ponds, the lowest among the blocks, irrigating 1,230 hectares. Despite having fewer ponds, the irrigated area is considerable, indicating efficient use or larger sizes of these water bodies.

Table No. 4 The number of Ponds and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna District

The number of Ponds and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna District 2022		
Development Block	Ponds	
	Number	Area (Hectares)
Panna	54	1853
Gunnaur	69	3009
Pawai	34	1417
ShahNagar	64	934
Ajaygarh	22	1230
Total	243	8443

Source - Department of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development, Panna (M.P.) (2022)

Graph No. 4 The number of Ponds and the irrigated area district-wise in Panna District



Findings:

Panna Development Block has the highest number of canals, showcasing a commitment to irrigation infrastructure. Gunnaur, despite fewer canals, efficiently irrigates the largest area, potentially indicating superior water management practices. ShahNagar has a relatively high number of canals but irrigates the smallest area, suggesting challenges specific to the block. Ajaygarh maintains a balance between the number of canals and irrigated areas, indicating effective use of resources. Gunnaur stands out with the highest number of tube wells and the largest irrigated area, emphasizing reliance on groundwater. Panna and Pawai exhibit efficient water usage, supporting significant areas with fewer tube wells. ShahNagar and Ajaygarh maintain a proportional relationship between tube wells and irrigated areas, reflecting strategic groundwater resource deployment. Gunnaur and ShahNagar have relatively larger irrigated areas, indicating efficient water distribution or potentially deeper wells. Pawai, Ajaygarh, and Panna demonstrate varying but substantial ratios between the number of wells and irrigated areas. The overall well network significantly contributes to agricultural sustainability in the district. Gunnaur's reliance on pond irrigation is evident with the highest number and the largest irrigated area. Panna and Pawai also demonstrate significant pond use, supporting a considerable portion of their agricultural land. ShahNagar and Ajaygarh, with different pond numbers, efficiently irrigate notable areas, suggesting varying pond sizes or efficiencies.

Conclusion:

The irrigation landscape in Panna district is diverse, with each development block showcasing unique characteristics. Canals play a pivotal role, reflecting the district's commitment to agricultural development. Gunnaur stands out in tube wells, emphasizing groundwater-based irrigation. Wells

contribute significantly to the overall irrigated area, highlighting their importance in sustaining local farming communities. Ponds are crucial, with Gunnaur leading in both number and impact.

Suggestions:

Optimizing Canal Efficiency:

- Evaluate the efficiency of canals in ShahNagar to address the discrepancy between the number of canals and the irrigated area.
- Explore opportunities to enhance water management practices in other blocks, potentially adopting successful strategies from Gunnaur.

Enhanced Well Infrastructure:

- Investigate the efficiency of well networks in Pawai, Ajaygarh, and Panna to ensure optimal water distribution.
- Implement measures to enhance well infrastructure, considering the varying needs and capacities of different blocks.

Pond Management:

- Assess the efficiency of pond usage in ShahNagar and Ajaygarh to understand factors affecting irrigated areas.
- Share successful pond management practices from Gunnaur with other blocks to improve overall pond utilization.

Integrated Water Resource Management:

- Encourage collaboration and knowledge-sharing among development blocks to promote integrated water resource management.
- Consider a holistic approach, taking into account local geographical and topographical factors in planning irrigation strategies.

By addressing these suggestions, the Panna district can further optimize its irrigation infrastructure, enhance agricultural productivity, and ensure sustainable water resource management for the benefit of local farming communities.

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